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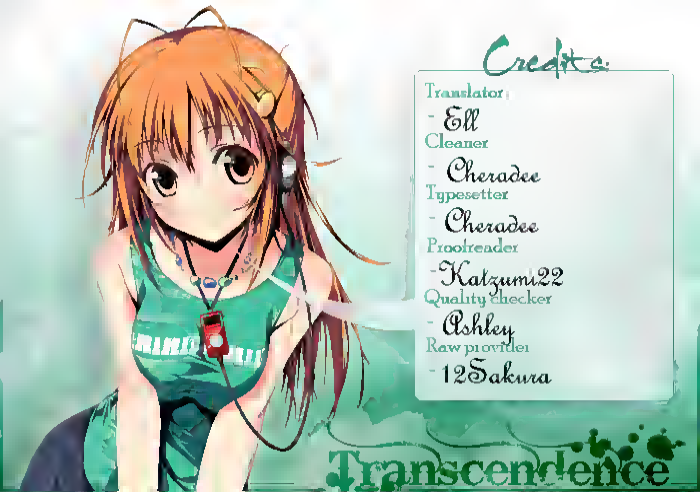
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WHEN I, OBATA ASAHI, RETURNED HOME FROM WALKING THE DOG ONE EVENING,
THERE WAS A STRANGER SQUATTING AT THE GATE OF MY HOUSE.
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IS THIS PERSON SICK?
EXCUSE ME. ARE YOU ALRIGHT...?
shook
PLEASE,
SAVE THIS CHILD.
BOTH. BOTH OF THEM LOOK SO PALE-
I'LL...CALL FOR AN AMBULANCE RIGHT NOW.
EH?
WAKE UP, HIKATO!
WAIT..?
shook

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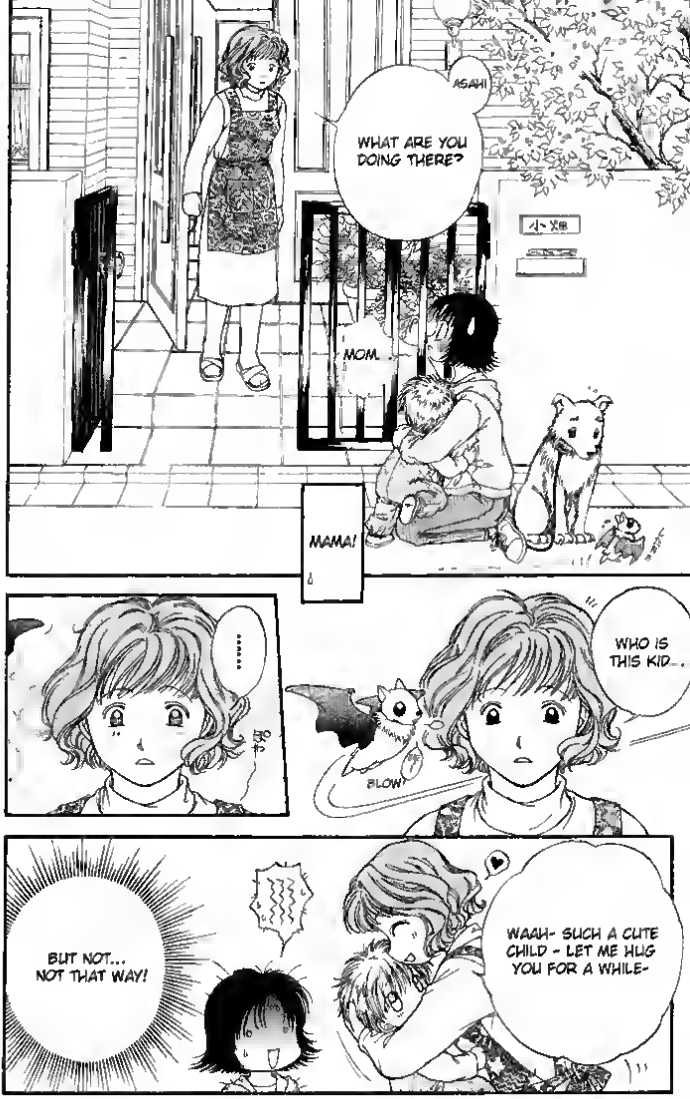
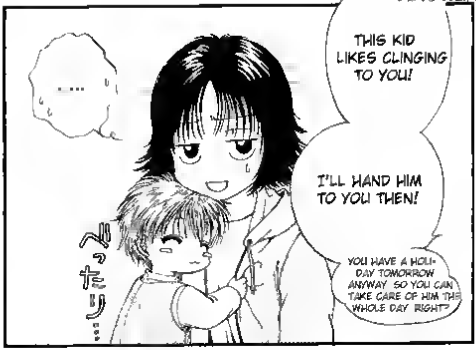
VERY GOOD! A FINE MATCH!
DON'T ..TELL ME THIS KID JUST SUCKED MY BLOOD-?!
WHAT THE HELL IS HAPPENING-
my body can't move again
MAMA
HIKATO, SHE'S YOUR NEW MOM!
HE CHANGED FORM-!!
!?


ASAH!
WHAT ARE YOU DOING THERE?
MOM.
MAMA!
.....
WHO IS THIS KID...
BLOW
BUT NOT... NOT THAT WAY!
WAAH- SUCH A CUTE CHILD - LET ME HUG YOU FOR A WHILE-

這陣子的天原
2000年的聖誕節之前，我家的條紋松鼠．小助仔已變成天上的星星了。
拜拜！
小助仔　謝謝你給了我美好的回憶…
我已經決定不再飼養哺乳類的動物了…
和老鼠同種類，松鼠
天原雖然下定此決心
2002年1月現在
那房間裡為什麼會有沙鼠和加卡利亞鼠呢…？
也有小狗汪！
到處都是動物。
WHAT IS THIS?
A LETTER?
AH..
OH..
EH?
ASAHI, IT'S A NOTE!
LOOK AT WHAT IT SAYS!
MOM... MOM...
Numbness has faded
I'll definitely come back for him. Before that, please take care of him for me.

HOW PITIFUL! SURELY THERE HAS TO BE A PRESSING REASON?!
Did that bat use some sleeping magic?
LET'S TAKE CARE OF HIM TEMPORARILY
HUH?! HAS YOUR SKULL CRACKED?! HAND KIDS WITH SHADY BACKGROUNDS LIKE THIS TO THE POLICE! THE COPS!
But GOING TO THE COPS IS ALSO VERY TROUBLE-SOME!
YOU OUGHT TO KNOW THAT THIS BRAT SUCKED MY BLOOD-!!
EH?!
WHAT RUBBISH ARE YOU SPOUTING?
IF YOU WANT TO LIVE YOU BETTER SHUT UP.
THAT'S ODD, DO YOU LIKE ASAHI BETTER?
MA-
MA-
WHO ARE YOU CALLING YOUR MOM...!
I- MIGHT REALLY GET KILLED BY THIS WEIRD CREATURE
I hate the me that restrains from speaking after thinking calmly
COME, DEAR, LET'S GO INSIDE-

魔女…？
如果感染感冒喉嚨痛時……
天原會…
把牛蒡和生薑一起熬成湯，
再加點蜂蜜喝下去。
蜂蜜
鍋子
這黑色的液體…？
要加牛奶也可以。
只是表面會變成暗灰褐色的噁心液體……
魔女製造的毒湯!!


that's weird
THIS KID LIKES CLINGING TO YOU!
I'LL HAND HIM TO YOU THEN!
YOU HAVE A HOLIDAY TOMORROW ANYWAY SO YOU CAN TAKE CARE OF HIM THE WHOLE DAY RIGHT?
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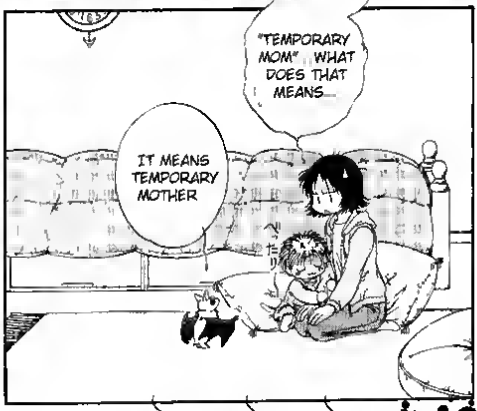
WHEN YOU SAY


"TEMPORARY MOM" WHAT DOES THAT MEANS...
IT MEANS TEMPORARY MOTHER
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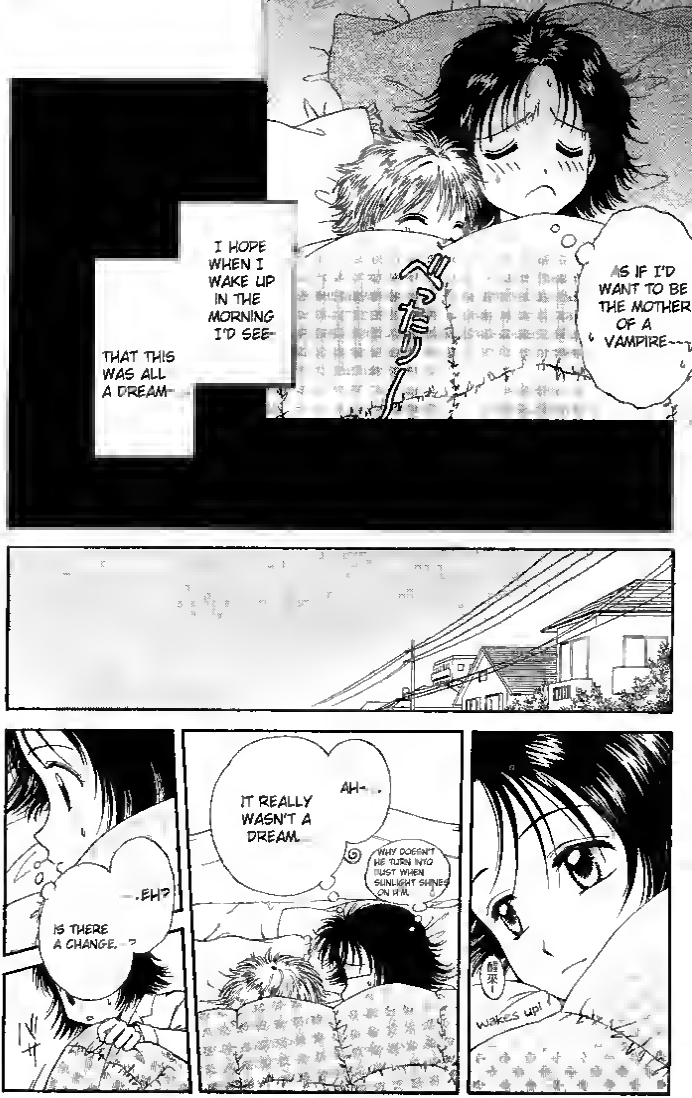
I'M YUUKI, A SERVANT OF THE MASTER.
I WANT TO ASK YOU TO PROVIDE SOME OF YOUR FRESH BLOOD UNTIL MASTER CAN RETURN TO HIS ORIGINAL FORM.
MASTER HIKATO WAS A VAMPIRE WITH POWER
DUE TO SOME REASONS, HE'S TURNED INTO A DEFENSELESS CHILD.
WHY...WHY DID YOU CHOOSE ME ~~~~~~
why can't you ask other people ?
I... DON'T EVEN HAVE ANY GROUNDS FOR RE-JECTION!!
I DON'T WANT TO.
THEN I'LL KILL YOUR ENTIRE FAMILY.
A STALKER BAT?!
IT'S HARD TO FIND A HUMAN THAT MATCHES...
THIS HAS TO DO WITH THE TYPE OF BLOOD.
I've been watching you to prepare for this day.

HE'S QUITE CUTE...
I'm not your mom ^O
MA - MA!
Ma
にっこ
MA MA-
かじかじ ちゅー
OUCHHHH --
here he goes again
YOU HAD TO SAY THAT SO CUTELY...
look of satisfaction
しくしく...
PLEASE TAKE MORE BLOOD REPLENISHING FOODS,
AND DRINK MORE WATER, TAKE GOOD CARE OF YOUR BODY .


AS IF I'D WANT TO BE THE MOTHER OF A VAMPIRE---
I HOPE WHEN I WAKE UP IN THE MORNING I'D SEE
THAT THIS WAS ALL A DREAM
WHY DOESN'T HE TURN INTO DUST WHEN SUNLIGHT SHINES ON IT?!
AH---
IT REALLY WASN'T A DREAM
---EH?
IS THERE A CHANGE...?
WAKES UP!

沒有味道？
朋友來我家玩時，我煮了南瓜湯，可是…
呃…沒有味道吧…
南瓜…
她這麼說
嗯！我只是用煮的而已——
用一杯水隔煮而已——
我回答她
反正不用特別調味也會有南瓜的味道啊…
這種煮法我第一次嚐到……
煙波媛子的我口味是否已經變了呢？
吃美味的人！
啊一但是我也還歡吃一些用易弱調味的食物。

WE BECAME... BECAME BIGGER?!
So Bad!
むん…
MASTER HIKATO!

IT'S ONLY BEEN ONE DAY AND HE'S GROWN SO BIG ..
He really is a monster
SO THAT'S IT,
I'VE FAILED AGAIN. ..
YUURI, SORRY! I'VE BROUGHT YOU TROUBLE
WHEN? I AM YOUR SERVANT
IT'S WONDERFUL THAT YOU CAN RETURN TO YOUR NORMAL FORM!
THEN SHALL WE PART NOW?
NOT YET!
BECAUSE I'M STILL A KID!
THAT'S .. TRUE
HOW MUCH LONGER WILL YOU STAY THEN?
That's true! It's impossible to be OK in one day
SORRY! IT'S DIFFERENT EVERY TIME, SO I'M NOT SURE MYSELF!
.IS THAT.. SO ..
I will try my best to grow up fast.
HUH?!
UM. .1 YEAR OR TEN YEARS.
It always takes a long time.

So conju sina
WHAT IS THAT THING...
THIS CLOTHING CHANGES ALONG WITH MY BODY. EVEN IF IT'S DAMAGED IT WILL REPAIR AUTOMATICALLY!
THAT'S BECAUSE IT'S CUSTOM-MADE!
WHY DOES YOUR CLOTHING CHANGE SIZE ALONG WITH YOU?
It looks like the design has changed too.
are you jealous?
Can be worn for very long!
HIKATO, YOU'VE COME?
came in to put washed clothes
HAVE FUN!
OKAY!
!?
ALL THE WEIRD THINGS THAT YOU'VE DONE TO MY MOTHER, WON'T GIVE HER ANY ILLNESSES IN THE FUTURE RIGHT...
MASTER IS NOW A BOY LIVING NEAR HERE!
I ERASED YOUR MOM'S PREVIOUS MEMORIES,
REST ASSURED
WE WILL TRY OUR BEST NOT TO BRING TROUBLE TO THE PEOPLE WHO HELP US!
FROM TODAY ONWARDS WE WILL RETURN TO OUR OWN HOME
EH? REALLY? THAT'S GREAT-
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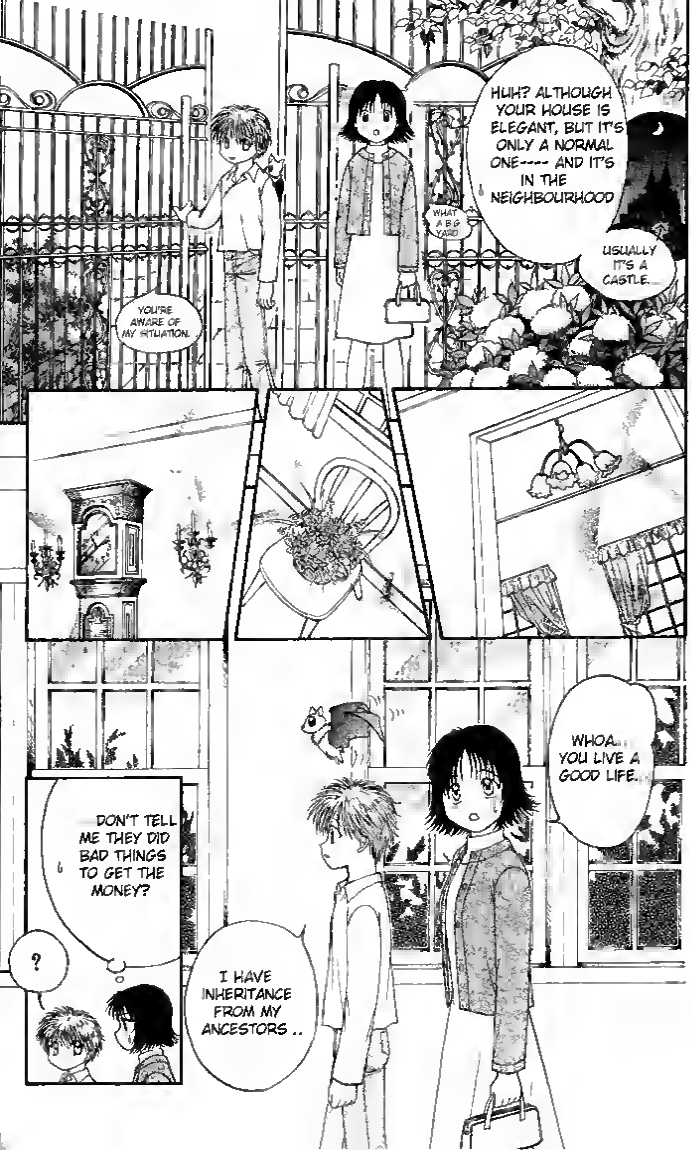
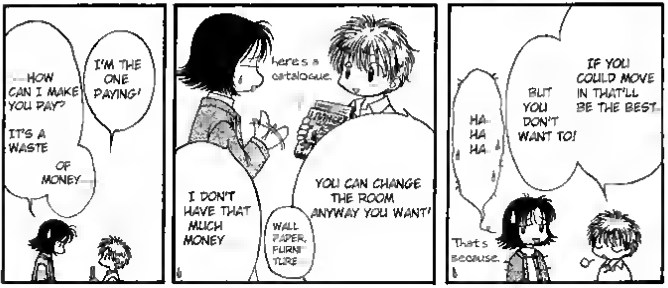
EH?
IF YOU'RE THAT HAPPY TO SEE ME LEAVE, I'LL FEEL SAD!

THERE ARE NO KIDS WHO STAY HAPPY WHEN THEIR PARENTS DISLIKE THEM!
ALTHOUGH THAT IS TRUE..
IT'S ONLY BECAUSE YOU NEED MY BLOOD, THAT'S I'M YOUR "TEMPORARY MOM"
I'm entrusting you to our house. Please remember the route.


HUH? ALTHOUGH YOUR HOUSE IS ELEGANT, BUT IT'S ONLY A NORMAL ONE---- AND IT'S IN THE NEIGHBOURHOOD
WHAT A BIG YARD
USUALLY IT'S A CASTLE..
YOU'RE AWARE OF MY SITUATION.
WHOA... YOU LIVE A GOOD LIFE..
DON'T TELL ME THEY DID BAD THINGS TO GET THE MONEY?
?
I HAVE INHERITANCE FROM MY ANCESTORS ..

COME! THIS IS YOUR ROOM, FEEL FREE TO USE IT.
EH?

NO NEED...EVEN IF YOU GIVE ME THIS NICE ROOM...
I WON'T USE IT OFTEN
NO, BUT YOU ARE MY TEMPORARY MOTHER,
SO AT LEAST YOU SHOULD HAVE YOUR OWN ROOM HERE. IT'S BETTER.
backtracks
DON'T TELL ME YOU WANT ME TO MOVE IN...HERE?


...HOW CAN I MAKE YOU PAY?
I'M THE ONE PAYING!
IT'S A WASTE OF MONEY...
here's a catalogue.
I DON'T HAVE THAT MUCH MONEY
WALL PAPER, FURNITURE
YOU CAN CHANGE THE ROOM ANYWAY YOU WANT!
HA-HA-HA
BUT YOU DON'T WANT TO!
IF YOU COULD MOVE IN THAT'LL BE THE BEST.
That's because...

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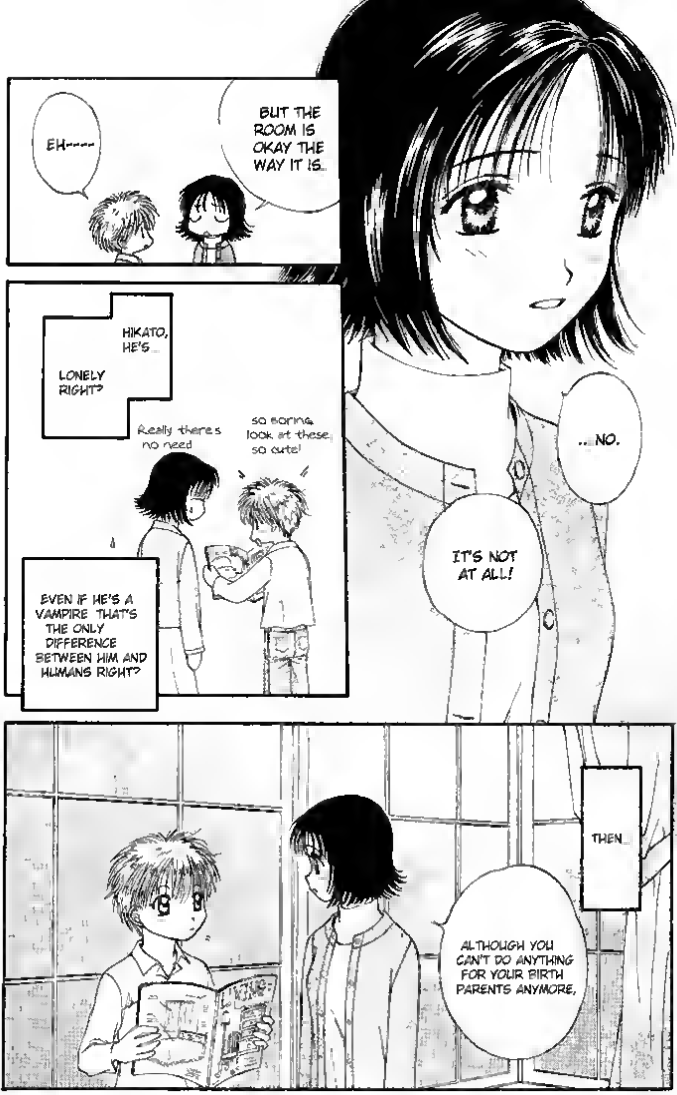
IT'S OKAY! MY BIRTH PARENTS DIED EARLY,
SO I WANT TO BE FILIAL TO THEM ALONG WITH YOU!
BE FILIAL TO ME? I'M ONLY YOUR MOTHER FOR BLOOD.
IT'S THE SAME AS BEING FOOD.
..YES
ALL THOSE WHO BECOME MY TEMPORARY PARENTS SAY THE SAME
I CAN'T DO ANYTHING FOR MY LATE PARENTS ANYMORE,
SO AT LEAST FOR NOW
I WANT TO CHERISH THOSE CLOSE TO ME.
IS WHAT I'M DOING THAT ODD?


EH----
BUT THE ROOM IS OKAY THE WAY IT IS..
HIKATO, HE'S... LONELY RIGHT?
Really there's no need
so boring. look at these, so cute!
EVEN IF HE'S A VAMPIRE THAT'S THE ONLY DIFFERENCE BETWEEN HIM AND HUMANS RIGHT?
...NO.
IT'S NOT AT ALL!
THEN...
ALTHOUGH YOU CAN'T DO ANYTHING FOR YOUR BIRTH PARENTS ANYMORE,

BUT IF THE YOU THAT LIVES GROWS UP WELL AND HAPPY,
THAT IS THE BEST GIFT TO YOUR PARENTS, ISN'T IT?
TO SPEAK OF SUCH A CORNY SAYING,
IT'S NOT TOO LATE TO START BEING FILIAL TO YOUR PARENTS!
WOAH
SO CUTE SO INNOCENT
HE DOESN'T JUST LOOK CUTE, HE ALSO HAS A KIND HEART
ASAHI!

I want to eat——
MY STOMACH'S HUNGRY!
.....
ALL READERS
PLEASE WAIT FOR A WHILE
BOWS
starry-eyed
PLEASE EAT THESE TO REPLENISH YOUR BLOOD
I'M FULL——
DO YOU WANT TO JOIN US?
DRINK MY BLOOD, LIKE YUURI
EH?
YOU HAVE TO DRINK MY BLOOD, OR ELSE YOU WON'T TURN INTO ONE
IS THAT SO?
. IF YOU CONTINUE DOING THIS, WON'T I END UP TURNING INTO A VAMPIRE TOO .

IT'S NOT NECESSARY
BUT ON THE SAME LEVEL AS ME
IF MY TEMPORARY PARENTS ARE WILLING TO JOIN US, IT WON'T BE A POSITION OF SERVANT LIKE YUURI

YUURI... WAS... HUMAN?
I thought he was some weird bat person.
PLEASE DON'T WORRY! IT WAS MY OWN EFFORT THAT HELPED ME BECOME MASTER HIKATO'S SERVANT

WHAT A PITY
BUT, IF YOU CHANGE YOUR MIND, JUST TELL ME

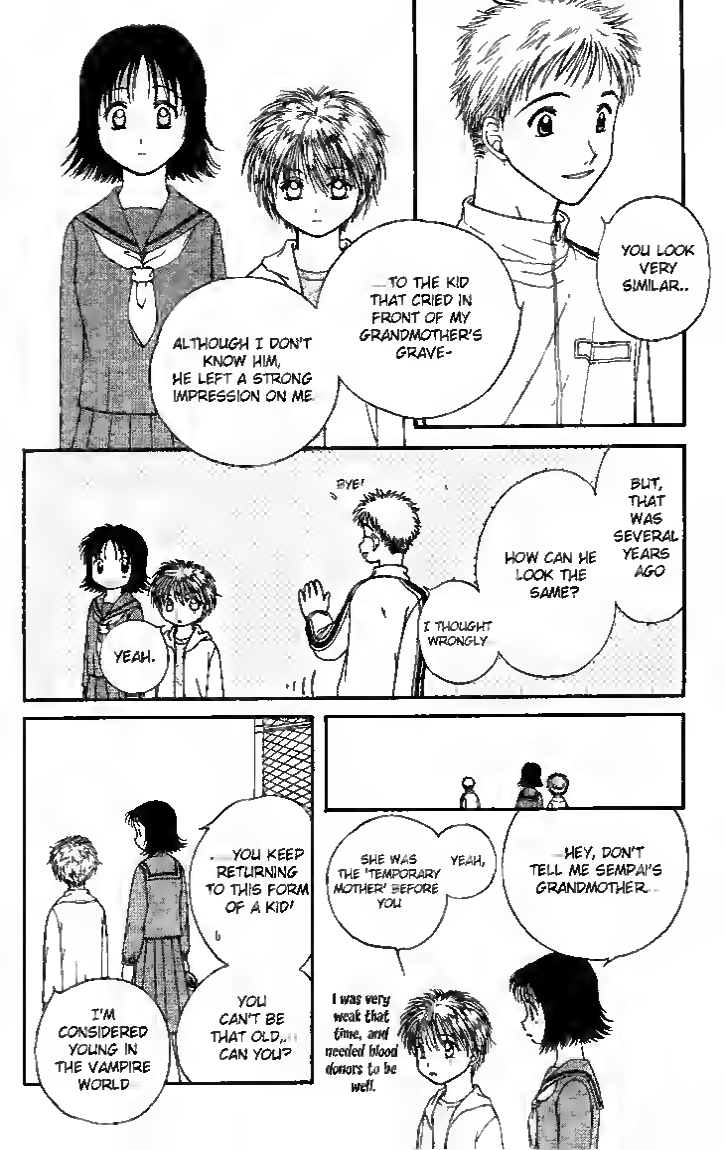
I TAKE BACK MY WORDS
THIS GUY MAKES ME FEEL A INDESCRIBABLE TERROR.
His expression just now gives me...
IT'S BETTER
I THINK HUMANS SHOULD JUST FOLLOW THE WAY OF HUMANS
NO... NO NEED
IF YOU BECOME ONE OF US, YOU CAN LIVE FOR VERY LONG

SIGH-
MY LIFE CAN BE CONSIDERED "NORMAL" ONLY WHEN I HAVE CLASSES
BUT NOW SCHOOL'S OUT
ASAHI, NEXT WEEK, THE AMATERASU SHRINE HAS AN OUTDOOR EVENT
WANT TO GO WITH ME?
OKAY, WHY NOT-
SO IT'S SET!
YEAH, BYE!
AH . RIGHT, HIKATO WILL ALSO BE GOING TO THE EVENT ...
MAYBE HE'D GO WITH ME
Heading home
Going to club activities

THAT'S NOT RIGHT... HE'S A VAMPIRE,
WHY WOULD HE GO FOR SUCH A THING?
I'D THINK IT'D BE BETTER FOR YOU NOT TO GO!
IF IT'S POSSIBLE, TRY NOT TO...
Shock!
HI..
HIKATO!
WHY ARE YOU HERE?
BECAUSE I'M BORED ..
YOU SAY YOU'RE BORED.
DON'T YOU HAVE YUURI TO ACCOMPANY YOU?
YUURI IS A SERVANT, SO THE FEELING'S DIFFERENT
OH! THE SCHOOL FORBIDS OUTSIDERS TO COME IN!
NO ONE NOTICED ME ANYWAY
HOW CAN THAT BE!
LOOK...!

NOT AFFECTED
WEIRD
HEY, LOOK AT THIS KID...
EH? WHAT'S WRONG?
ISN'T THERE A CHILD IN CLASS? DON'T YOU ALL FIND IT ODD?
AH, THAT'S TRUE!
ISN'T THAT CHILD LIVING IN THIS AREA? DIDN'T HE COME HERE TO PLAY?
AND THEN- YESTER-DAY
DOESN'T CARE
AH-SO TUNE
WHY?
IN NORMAL CIRCUMSTANCES, THEY'D AT LEAST BE CURIOUS...
EH?
PEOPLE WHO AREN'T THAT CLOSE WILL DISAPPEAR!

THE REASON IS...
BECAUSE I'M NOT HUMAN!
I AM A HUMAN BEING THAT SHOULDN'T EXIST.
UNLESS SOMEONE HAS AFFINITY WITH ME, I'M ONLY AN ORDINARY, INCONSPICUOUS FELLOW.
EH-? OBATA, WHOSE KID IS THIS?
A PERSON WHO SHOULDN'T EXIST, HUH...
NOTHING IT'S JUST THAT I FEEL
WHAT?
AH, IT'S NOTHING.
(yeah)
SO IT'S LIKE THIS...
HUH?
EH? SEMPAI NOTICED HIM?!
WHAT IS RUBBISH ABOUT AFFINITY?

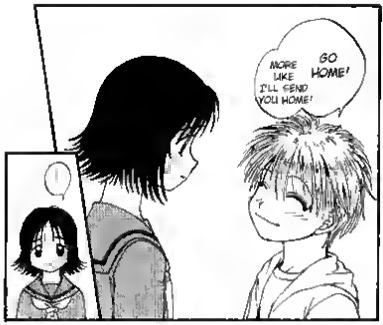

YOU LOOK VERY SIMILAR..
—TO THE KID THAT CRIED IN FRONT OF MY GRANDMOTHER'S GRAVE-
ALTHOUGH I DON'T KNOW HIM, HE LEFT A STRONG IMPRESSION ON ME.
BUT, THAT WAS SEVERAL YEARS AGO
HOW CAN HE LOOK THE SAME?
I THOUGHT WRONGLY
BYE!
YEAH.
—HEY, DON'T TELL ME SEMPAI'S GRANDMOTHER...
YEAH,
SHE WAS THE 'TEMPORARY MOTHER' BEFORE YOU
I was very weak that time, and needed blood donors to be well.
...YOU KEEP RETURNING TO THIS FORM OF A KID!
YOU CAN'T BE THAT OLD,.. CAN YOU?
I'M CONSIDERED YOUNG IN THE VAMPIRE WORLD

EH? WHY?
I'LL BE IN TROUBLE.
OH, YOU CAN'T TELL YUURI ABOUT ME PAYING RESPECTS!
AFTER FINISHING THE JOB OF TEMPORARY PARENTS I'LL VANISH FROM THEIR MEMORIES.
VAM-PIRES LIVE IN THE SHA-DOWS
WE WILL RETURN TO BEING STRANGERS.
IF THEY DON'T DRINK MY BLOOD AND BECOME VAMPIRES,
ACTUALLY THERE'S NO NEED FOR ME TO PAY RESPECT TO A PERSON THAT I'M NOT RELATED TO.
OR I'D ATTRACT ATTENTION JUST LIKE NOW
IN PEOPLE'S EYES,
HE REALLY IS SOMEONE THAT DOESN'T EXIST
HOW CAN THAT BE..
BUT..
HE'S ALIVE AND STANDING RIGHT HERE!
FORGET IT..

EVEN IF THEY FORGET ME,I WILL ALWAYS REMEMBER THEM,
PRETEND THAT NOTHING EVER HAPPENED.
THAT'S WHY I WISH FROM NOW ON
HUMANS CAN LIVE HAPPILY FOR A LONG TIME...
HI— HIKATO..
.....
SORRY
FOR LETTING YOU SEE ME LIKE THIS,
IT'S EMBARRASSING
IT'S NOT!

IT'S NOT!
EH?
FEELING LONELY AFTER BEING FORGOTTEN,
THAT'S A NATURAL THING...
I'M ONLY CRYING BECAUSE
ASAHI WILL ALSO GROW OLD,
WILL LEAVE ME SOON, THAT'S WHY...
...ASAHI,
YOU REALLY DON'T WANT TO BECOME A VAMPIRE?

IT'S FATE THAT BROUGHT US TOGETHER.
IF I WANT TO DO SOMETHING FOR HUMANS,
THEY ALWAYS LEAVE THIS WORLD
BEFORE I KNOW WHAT TO DO FOR THEM..
I WANT MORE TIME...!
I CAN'T IMAGINE RELYING ON SOMEONE'S BLOOD TO LIVE MY LIFE.
BUT YOU SAY THIS ALL OF A SUDDEN...
JUST THINKING OF NOT BEING HUMAN MAKES ME SCARED.
S... SORRY...



ONE DAY, I'D PROBABLY FORGET HIM AS WELL

HIKATO'S SMILE IS VERY UNDER-STANDING

I THINK, THIS IS THE FIRST TIME
SOMEONE'S SO HAPPY THAT I'M STAYING BY HIS SIDE...
WOAH- STOMACH'S BLOATED...
I can't eat anymore.
HIKATO MADE TOO MUCH FOOD——!
WAIT THERE!
I'M GOING TO TAKE SOMETHING FUN TO PLAY-
...YUURI,
我已經吃不下飯了※
DOES HIKATO HAVE ANY VAMPIRE COMPANIONS?
HE CAN'T BE THE ONLY ONE IN THE WORLD?
IF YOU WANT TO KNOW MORE,
PLEASE ASK MASTER
OKAY
...THERE ARE, BUT THEY LIVE FAR FROM HERE,
AND THE FACT THAT MASTER HAS NO SIBLINGS...
?
SORRY FOR THE WAIT-
WHAT TO PLAY? WHAT TO PLAY?
A MODERNIZED KID...
so many.
HARD TO ASK HIM NOW...
I'LL ASK NEXT TIME.
the tapes are here

AH,
BECAUSE THAT ISN'T A GOOD PLACE...
BUT, IF YOU WANT TO GO THEN GO! THERE'S NOTHING I CAN DO.

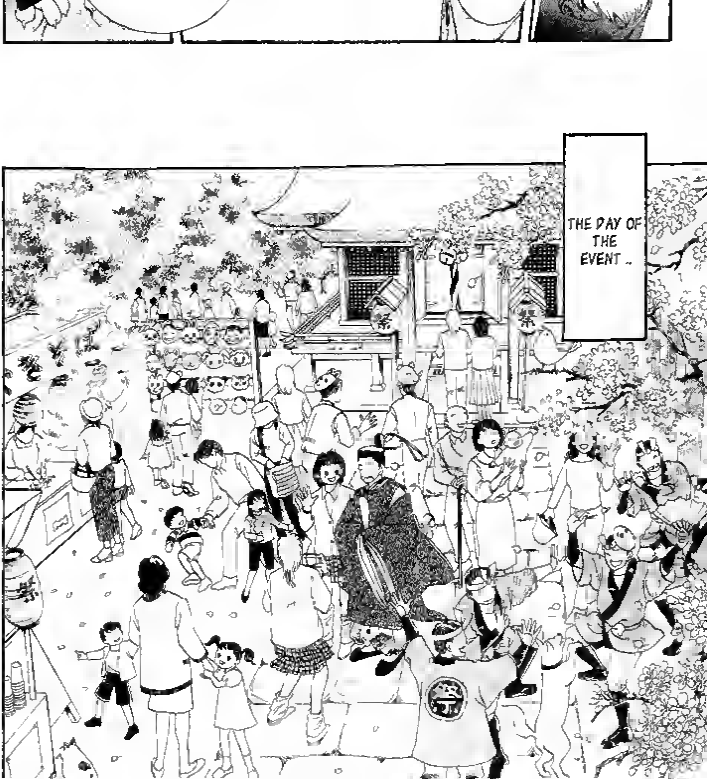
OH RIGHT, HIKATO TOLD ME NOT TO GO TO THE EVENT.
DOES HE DISLIKE THE GODS?
ARE JAPANESE GODS NOT OKAY FOR HIM

HAHA...
I KNOW YOU DON'T LIKE ME MIXING WITH THEM...
SORRY,
WALK SLOWLY.

WE'RE DOING THIS EVEN IN YOUR CONDITION?
OF COURSE.

?
IT'S NOTHING.
I'LL TAKE MY LEAVE NOW.

SHOULDN'T YOU BE RESTING MORE?
NO I CAN'T!
NOT EVEN A LITTLE!
.....
IF WE DO IT JUST ONCE, WON'T IT BE DISADVANTAGEOUS IN THE FUTURE?


THE DAY OF THE EVENT ..

I'D BUY SOME GIFTS BACK FOR HIKATO...
YEAH!
THEY HAVE A LOT OF STALLS-
BETTER NOT
HE DISLIKES THE DEITIES HE WON'T BE HAPPY
WHAT'S THAT... THERE'S A LIGHT IN THE FOREST...
EH? WHAT?
I DON'T SEE ANYTHING
SORRY,
OTHER PEOPLE CAN'T SEE IT?
BUT IT'S SO BRIGHT...
I HAVE URGENT THINGS TO DO!
HUH?
IT WAS AROUND HERE, ALRIGHT

THERE'S LIGHT FLASHING EVERY-WHERE...
SO YOU DID SENSE IT, THEN?
YUURI?
WHY ARE YOU AT THE SHRINE!?
I COME EVERY YEAR
EH...?
IS THAT SO?
OH BY THE WAY, WHY IS THIS PLACE FLASHING OF LIGHTS?
THAT'S BECAUSE MASTER...
!
...OH NO!
EH? WHAT?
WHAT HAPPE-NED?
NOTHING MUCH.
MASTER IS UP AHEAD, PLEASE FOLLOW ME
OKAY.
ACTUALLY, IF YOU COME, YOU'D BE CHASED AWAY BY THE MASTER.
BUT HE MIGHT CHANGE HIS MIND AFTER SEEING YOU.
EH?
WHAT ARE YOU SAYING?
I DON'T UNDER-STAND!?

HI KATO
ASAHI!?
WHY ARE YOU..
WHAT'S, WHAT'S HAPPENING? WHY ARE YOU COVERED IN BLOOD--------
THERE'S BLOOD THERE..
DOES ALL THE BLOOD BELONG TO HIKATO!?
QUICK.. CALL A DOCTOR!
IT'S ALRIGHT, THIS WAS CAUSED BY ME
!? WH... WHY...
HUMAN BLOOD IS
THE TEMPTATION TO VAMPIRES

...IS POISON.
AND THE BLOOD OF VAMPIRES, TO OTHER DARK CREATURES.
HUMAN!
I WANT TO EAT...! HUMAN!
AT TIMES LIKE THESE WHEN MANY HUMANS GATHER, CREATURES OF THE DARK WILL GATHER TO PREY ON HUMAN FLESH.
THIS IS THE PORTAL TO THE UNDER-WORLD.
WHAT ...!?

YUURI, GET ASAP! OUT OF HERE QUICKLY...
I REFUSE!
MASTER HAS JUST USED UP A LOT OF ENERGY,
DON'T FORCE YOURSELF ANYMORE, IF YOU DON'T WANT THIS GIRL TO DIE WITH YOU, PLEASE LEAVE WITH US
...YOU'RE NAGGY!
YOU DON'T LISTEN TO ORDERS AT ALL
I WANT TO GET OUT!
LET ME OUT!
THIS BLOOD WEB IS CRUEL
MY BODY BURNS WHEN TOUCHING IT...
YOU GREEDY BLASTED VAMPIRE WHO HAS TAKEN THIS FOOD GROUND FOR HUNDREDS OF YEARS!
THIS PLACE DOESN'T BELONG TO YOU!
THAT'S BECAUSE I DON'T WANT UNDESERVING PEOPLE TO RUIN THIS PLACE!
THE MORE DEAD PEOPLE THERE ARE, THE HIGHER THE ALARM HUMANS WILL RAISE.
...HIKATO

BECAUSE THIS PLACE IS MY TERRITORY!
BEEN... PROTECTING THIS WORLD?
ALL THE WHILE YOU'VE...
ALTHOUGH HE PUTS IT THIS WAY...
TRAITOR!
YOU ONLY HAVE THE SAME OUTWARD APPEARANCE AS THEM,
BUT YOU'RE ATTACHED TO THEM,
YOU MADMAN!
...!
IT BROKE THROUGH!
I'M STILL TOO WEAK IS THAT WHY THE BLOOD ISN'T STRONG ENOUGH?

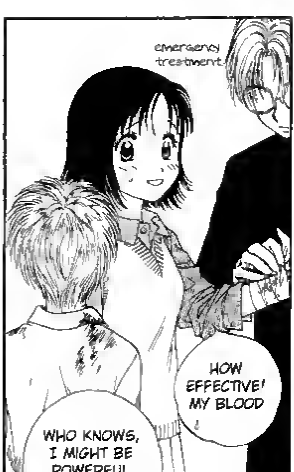
SCREECH
IT'S NOT ABOUT APPEARANCES!
WE UNDERSTAND EACH OTHER BECAUSE OF COMMUNICATION,
THINKING OF THEM AS FOOD IS WRONG!
ボロ
STOP!
BEFORE ALL THE BLOOD DYES THE ENTRANCE, MASTER'S BLOOD WILL BE DRAINED..!
AH
THAT PATCH OF GRASS
SHONE AFTER TAKING HIKATO'S BLOOD

YUURI!
TAKE ASAHI AND LEAVE!
A SERVANT CANNOT DISOBEY HIS MASTER'S ORDERS!
!!
BLT
WAIT!
HIKATO...!
TRAITOR!
KILLER OF YOUR OWN!
WE ARE OF THE SAME KIND!
WEIRDO!
THE BLOOD RAN OUT
HIKA...!
WHY?

TRAITOR
WHY GUARD THIS FORT ALL AT ALL ODDS?
NO MATTER HOW MUCH BLOOD IS LOST,
NO ONE WILL REMEMBER THE NAME [HIKARU]
YOU SAID THAT HUMANS HAVE SHORT LIVES
IT'S OKAY
I'D ALWAYS REMEMBER THEM
EVEN IF I'M FORGOTTEN..
NO...!

HIKATO IS NOT A TRAITOR!
HE'S DIFFERENT FROM ALL OF YOU!
HE'S NOT ALONE...!
BECAUSE HIKATO
HIKATO
STILL HAS ME..!
GIRGL
ASAH!

I'VE DRUNK YOUR BLOOD.
I'D BE ONE OF YOUR KIND NOW RIGHT?
SINCE I'M NOW A VAMPIRE, USING MY BLOOD
SHOULD CHASE THESE MONSTERS AWAY!
HAAA!

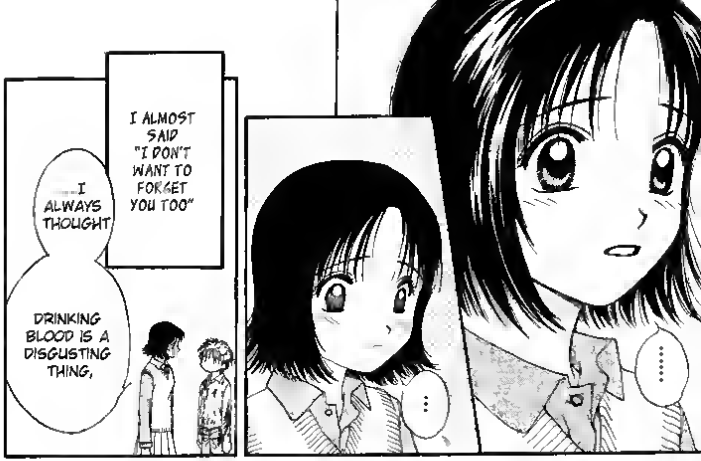

emergency treatment
HOW EFFECTIVE! MY BLOOD
WHO KNOWS, I MIGHT BE POWERFUL AMONG THE VAMPIRES!

...THEY ALL ESCAPED.

BUT I JUST DRANK YOUR BLOOD,
...WHAT?
...YOUR BODY HAS RETURNED TO A HUMAN ONE.
THAT'S WHY YOUR WOUNDS HAVEN'T HEALED. LOOK, MINE HAS.

YOU BECAME A VAMPIRE FOR A WHILE ONLY JUST NOW.
AND IF YOU DON'T DRINK FROM THE HEART IT'S IMPOSSIBLE.
I MUST RETURN TO MY ORIGINAL FORM THEN IT'S POSSIBLE
YOU DRANK MY BLOOD AT SUCH A WEAK STATE, THAT'S WHY YOU CAN'T TURN INTO ONE!

AFTER I HAVE SETTLED EVERYTHING,
WILL YOU BECOME MY PARTNER?
EH?
OH NO
SIGH
OH SO THAT'S IT...
I'M RELIEVED.
THEN I'M STILL HUMAN...
AHAHA! LOOK AT YOUR UNEASY EXPRESSION
.....
BUT....
JUST NOW I WAS ACTING RASHLY.
THAT'S WHY I...
ALTHOUGH YOU WERE ACTING RASHLY,
BUT I'M VERY HAPPY WITH YOUR SINCERITY,
I WON'T EVER FORGET IT.


I ALMOST SAID "I DON'T WANT TO FORGET YOU TOO"
...I ALWAYS THOUGHT
DRINKING BLOOD IS A DISGUSTING THING,
.....
...

I THINK I CAN UNDERSTAND HOW A VAMPIRE FEELS NOW
?
BUT I DON'T DISLIKE YOURS!
OUR BLOOD REALLY IS COMPATIBLE, THEN!

AS WELL
...DEITY? ...HIKATO...
I DON'T GET HOW IT TURNED OUT LIKE THIS... THIS STUMPS ME
GHOST DEITY! THANK YOU FOR THIS YEAR'S HELP TOO
THAT FEELING OF HIKATO WANTING TO GUARD
I SEEM TO BE ABLE TO FEEL

WHEN SPRING STARTED, I HAD A NEW SECRET...
AFTER I WAS RELEASED FROM SCHOOL,
DURING THE SUMMER HOLIDAYS,
I WOULD ALWAYS VISIT ONE FAMILY
BECAUSE I NEED TO GIVE MY FRESH BLOOD TO THE VAMPIRE TEENAGER IN THAT HOUSE

ASAHI, ARE YOU ALRIGHT?
.....
IS IT PAINFUL?
HIKATO IS ACTUALLY VERY BIG.
IS THAT SO? That's good
NOPE, IT'S JUST A LITTLE TICKLISH.
IN ORDER FOR HIM TO RETURN TO HIS ORIGINAL FORM, HE NEEDS GOOD BLOOD THAT HIS BODY WILL NOT REPEL ----- WHICH IS MY BLOOD

THEY CALL THE PEOPLE WHO TAKE UP SUCH POSITION 'SUBSTITUTE PARENTS'.
BUT,
EVEN THOUGH YOU DRANK MY BLOOD LIKE THAT THE FIRST TIME, THIS TIME MY BODY HASN'T BECOME NUMB

I AM NO LONGER AFRAID OF GETTING MY BLOOD SUCKED BY YOU.
IS THAT SO....
hotten user on it huh..

I'M UNABLE TO MOVE A WHILE
ORIGINALLY, MY BODY FELT LIKE LEGS AFTER YOU'VE BEEN KNEELING ON THEM FOR A LONG TIME
THAT'S BECAUSE YOUR BODY HAS ALREADY GOTTEN USED TO IT
whole body..ters..?
HERE!

NOPE!
YOU ARE REALLY NOT AFRAID ANYMORE? YOU DON'T HATE IT?
EH?
REALLY?

EVEN THOUGH HE IS A 'VAMPIRE',
LOOKING AT HIS NAIVE LOOKS, ANYONE WHO APPROACHES HIM WOULD ALSO WARM UP TO HIM...
AND YOU USED YOUR BLOOD TO CREATE THE BARRIER,
PROTECTING OUR WORLD FROM BEING TAKEN OVER BY THOSE MONSTERS!
YOU ARE OUR BENE-FACTOR!
I should be thanking you!
...THERE'S NO NEED FOR YOU TO TAKE ME AS A BENE-FACTOR...

THERE YOU GO AGAIN---- BEING ALL SHY...
I JUST WANT TO TAKE CARE OF MY TERRITORY.
I AM NOT DOING THIS SO AS TO PROTECT THE HUMANS.
Knock! Knock!
IT'S MISS MARIERU.
THERE IS A GUEST.
YUURI,
WHAT IS IT?
WHAT'S WRONG?
WHO IS MISS MARIERU?
WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT? MISS IS ALREADY WAITING OUTSIDE
..SAY THAT I'M NOT IN.

A...
A MONSTER THAT'S EVEN SCARIER THAN MONSTERS
WHAT?
like this
IS IT THOSE MONSTERS?
TO MAKE HIKATO, WHO IS WILLING TO PUT HIS LIFE AT RISK BATTLING THOSE MONSTERS
SO AFRAID...?
like this
YOU SURE ARE RUDE, HIKATO
I HEARD YOUR BODY GOT WEAKER AND BECAME SMALL, SO I CAME SPECIALLY TO SEE YOU!

..SO CUTE----
looks like a doll~~~
HFMH!
EVEN THOUGH I AM ALSO A VAMPIRE, I WILL NOT STAND ON THE SIDE OF HUMANS.
EVEN IF YOU ARE TREATED LIKE A GOD, IT WILL NOT GIVE YOU ANY ADVANTAGES.
YOU ARE THE NEW SUBSTITUTE MOTHER?
AH, I'M USED TO IT SO.
NYA---
DON'T CREATE TROUBLE FOR ASAH!!
DO YOU HAVE ANYTHING YOU WANT TO ASK?
YOU DIDN'T TAKE OFF YOUR SHOES BEFORE COMING IN AGAIN.
SO YOU ARE ALSO A VAMPIRE---

調味
我會沾點美乃滋吃喲！
可是——慕慕大家都是直接吃的吧！
就是要慕慕的味道
我吃任何東西都會沾美乃滋。
連慕慕都沾？喝鈴薯的話就要點奶油或醬油
美乃滋的卡洛里很高說——
有自己的堅持
啊，但是我不會點加美乃滋在蝦的少拉裡！
愛吃美乃滋的她卻瘦了。
不管吃任何東西都會變成脂肪體質
我要被那種吃了不會肚的體質！！

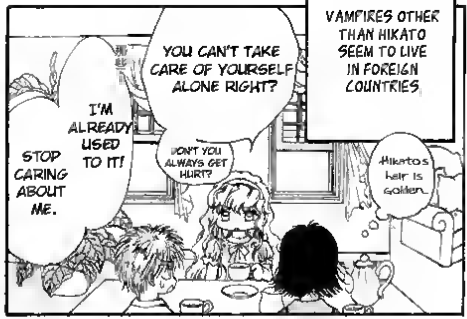
IT'S A CAT-----
ARE YOU A SERVANT TOO?
DO YOU ALSO CHANGE LIKE YUURI?
傻瓜

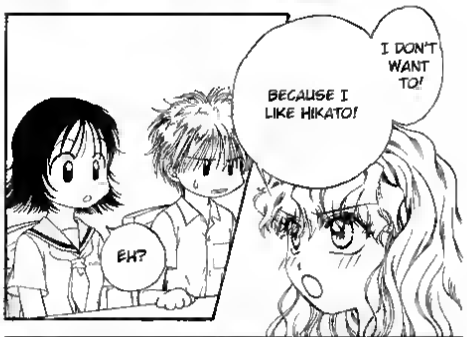
SO YOUR NAME'S TIANHE! MUAO-----
WAH!
THEN I CAN TOUCH YOU ALL I WANT---
TIANHE IS JUST A PET!
HE DOESN'T HAVE SUCH A POWER!

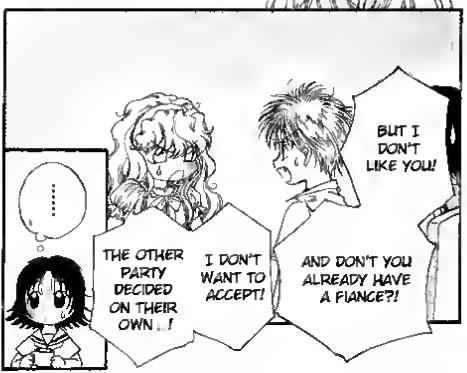
He dislikes me. :(
PIAK!
TIANHE, YOU CAN'T DO THAT!

STOP! THERE'S NO NEED TO HIT HIM, LITTLE GIRL...
HE'S JUST A NORMAL CAT
AND HE DIDN'T UNSHEATHE HIS CLAWS
DON'T MAKE ME LOSE FACE
NO MANNERS...!
HISS
MIAO
ANGRY
AND DON'T CALL ME LITTLE GIRL! DON'T TREAT ME LIKE A CHILD!!
I'M FREE TO DO WHATEVER I LIKE!
HIKATO, I'VE SAID THIS A LOT OF TIMES ALREADY,
YOU SHOULD STOP THIS AND GO HOME!
TEA IS READY.
You have to take care of animals—
IF MARIERU ISN'T A CHILD THEN DON'T DO CHILDISH THINGS!
ALRIGHT

大號的…
天原常會不知不覺的想買大一號的鞋子。
客人…這雙太大了
有嗎？
衣服也大一號。
如果哪天穿不下就麻煩了
因為我討厭緊緊的衣服
又買又大
說什麼總有一天…
不要說和服後會比現在胖來買衣服啊！
妳明明穿得下9號，為什麼要看11號呢！
衣服的質感根本不合好的體脂
買合身的衣服如果變緊了，就得減肥
穿得下
穿不下
那如果每天都穿合身又緊到不行的中國旗袍就會瘦下來囉…？
…要做運動。
想瘦的話


VAMPIRES OTHER THAN HIKATO SEEM TO LIVE IN FOREIGN COUNTRIES.
YOU CAN'T TAKE CARE OF YOURSELF ALONE RIGHT?
I'M ALREADY USED TO IT!
STOP CARING ABOUT ME.
WON'T YOU ALWAYS GET HURT?
Hikato's hair is golden.


I DON'T WANT TO!
BECAUSE I LIKE HIKATO!
EH?

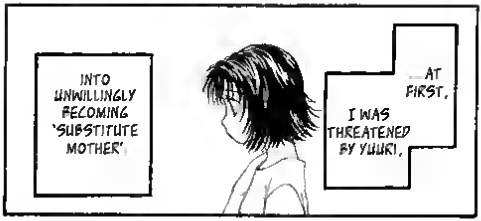

BUT I DON'T LIKE YOU!
AND DON'T YOU ALREADY HAVE A FIANCE?!
I DON'T WANT TO ACCEPT!
THE OTHER PARTY DECIDED ON THEIR OWN…!
……

I WON'T GO BACK UNTIL YOU AGREE!
I DON'T CARE,
I WILL DEFINITELY BRING YOU HOME THIS TIME.
(THIS)
THIS WILL CAUSE TROUBLE FOR ME!
I don't want to go to a foreign country—
OF COURSE THE 'SUBSTITUTE MOTHER' WILL ALSO BE BROUGHT BACK.
HIS HIGHNESS NEEDS AS/HI'S BLOOD NOW, SO HE CAN'T LEAVE...
I DON'T NEED TO RELY ON SUCH THINGS!
BECAUSE A NORMAL VAMPIRE HAS NO NEED FOR A 'SUBSTITUTE PARENT'.
I PITY THE ONE WHO BECOMES YOUR 'SUBSTITUTE PARENT'.
...HPMH.
YOU 'FOOD' ARE A LITTLE BIT TOO ARROGANT.
HIKATO SPOILS YOU TOO MUCH.
YOU WILL BE ALLOWED TO COME BACK ONCE YOUR MISSION IS COMPLETED!
IT IS STILL NOT APPROPRIATE!
Moreover who knows how many years are needed...

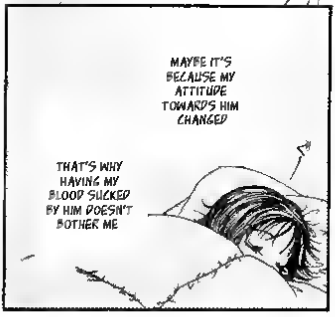
'SUBSTITUTE PARENTS' ARE THE LAST RESORT,
EVEN THOUGH WE LOOK THE SAME, HUMANS TO US ARE JUST 'FOOD'
EVER SINCE HIKATO HAD HIS FIRST 'SUBSTITUTE PARENT',
HE HAS BEEN SIDING WITH HUMANS AND FIGHTING THOSE WHO LIVE IN THE DARK.
THEY ARE A DIFFERENT SPECIES TO US.
THAT'S RIGHT.
THOSE MONSTERS ALWAYS
CALLED HIKATO 'BETRAYER'...
冒牌蝙蝠。
描繪夕里的蝙蝠模樣時，我參考了圖鑑上的資料。
反正會變大略，形，所以
看了之後…
…總覺得，好恐怖…
由於太過恐怖，所以我不會出來，總是讓人偶自行走動著。
…水果蝙蝠比較可愛…
決定畫這個
長得像狗—
啊，我覺得白色的臉比較好一點。圍巾要膨鬆一點。
羽毛黑色的就可以了。羽毛的形狀不要和腳連在一起
為了要讓他可以行走，要腳要壯一點！
已經不像蝙蝠了。

HOW MANY TIMES HAVE YOU TURNED SMALL IN THIS PERIOD OF TIME?
THE YOU NOW IS HALF-DEAD!
YOU RESTLESS VAMPIRE!
WHERE DID THE HIKARU THAT I KNOW GO?
SO NOISY!
HURRY AND GO BACK!!
YOU CAN'T HAVE ANY FEELINGS FOR HUMANS,
OR YOU WILL REALLY DIE ONE DAY!
I WON'T DIE! I'VE ALREADY STAYED HERE FOR SO MANY YEARS!!
I WOULD HAVE DIED EARLIER ALREADY IF I REALLY WILL DIE!!
I NEVER TREATED YOU AS 'FOOD'!
...EVEN THOUGH MARIERU SAID SUCH NASTY WORDS,
YOU SEEM TO BE VERY TIRED TODAY
THE WHOLE DAY
WELL, SEE YOU TOMORROW.
That girl always makes noise every time she comes.
Is that so..
I'm already used to it.
walked her to the front door

DO YOU TRUST ME?
I KNOW ALREADY!
YOU DON'T NEED TO SAY ANYTHING.
...YES
SEEMS LIKE MARIERU WON'T GIVE UP EASILY...
BUT THAT GIRL REALLY CARES FOR HIKATO,
THAT'S WHY SHE CAME SO MANY TIMES TO FETCH HIM HOME...
THANK GOODNESS HIKATO HAS VAMPIRE FRIENDS.
I won't like her
Saying others are good and hitting cats


AT FIRST,
I WAS THREATENED BY YUURI,
INTO UNWILLINGLY BECOMING 'SUBSTITUTE MOTHER'.

RAIN HAS STOPPED
BUT I THINK THAT HIKARU'S CUTE NOW,
I FEEL LIKE DOING SOMETHING FOR HIM


MAYBE IT'S BECAUSE MY ATTITUDE TOWARD'S HIM CHANGED
THAT'S WHY HAVING MY BLOOD SUCKED BY HIM DOESN'T BOTHER ME

RATHER THAN A MOTHER'S FEELINGS, A SISTER'S IS MUCH MORE APPROPRIATE HUH?
I DON'T HAVE SIBLINGS SO I DON'T REALLY UNDERSTAND THAT FEELING

changed at home before coming
MARIERU!
DIDN'T I TELL YOU NOT TO MAKE THINGS DIFFICULT FOR ASAH!?
*BECAUSE I AM THE GUILTTITUTE'S MOTHER.
WHY DID YOU COME?
HIKATO, DON'T DO THIS.
YOU OBVIOUSLY DID!
hateful tone!
I DIDN'T!
DON'T FIGHT BECAUSE OF ME, ALRIGHT?
..WHAT DID YOU SAY?
DON'T ACT LIKE YOU ARE A GOODY-TWO-SHOES!

MARIERU!
IT'S ALL BECAUSE OF YOU THAT WE HAVE A MISUNDERSTANDING..
YOU'VE NEVER REALLY THOUGHT OF JOINING US,
SO WHY ARE YOU SO NICE TO HIKATO?
YOU JUST WANT HIKATO TO PROTECT YOUR WORLD, RIGHT?
ALL SUBSTITUTE PARENTS ARE THE SAME!
YOU MISUNDERSTAND.
EVEN IF YOU REALLY CARE FOR HIM,
SO WHAT? SINCE YOU WON'T BE STAYING BESIDE HIKATO ANYWAYS!

HALF-HEARTED AFFECTION AND BLOOD THAT ISN'T FRESH...
EVEN IF YOU GUYS TREAT HIM LIKE THAT HE WOULD STILL PROTECT THIS PLACE!
THE HIKATO WHO FIGHTS ALONE TILL HE COVERED IN INJURIES
CAN YOU STILL BEAR TO HURT SUCH A HIKATO?
HOW CAN I NOT KNOW?
YOUR PITY IS NOT NEEDED!
I WOULD RATHER BE HATED AS 'VAMPIRES ARE DEMONS'!
PLEASE DON'T BOTHER HIKATO ANYMORE!
WHETHER I JOIN YOU GUYS OR NOT,
HIKATO WILL STILL PROTECT THIS WORLD.

WE HUMANS REALLY RELY ON HIKATO
"YOU DON'T NEED TO DO THIS ANYMORE", I CAN'T SAY IT,
...TO THIS HIKATO
AT LEAST IN THIS PERIOD OF TIME, I WAS SINCERE IN WANTING TO BECOME FRIENDS WITH HIM.
I AT LEAST WANT TO SHOW MY THANKS TO HIM.
NO NEED!
THERE'S NO NEED FOR YOU!
YOU HUMANS ARE THE DIRTIEST!
DISAPPEAR RIGHT NOW! I CAN ALWAYS SEARCH FOR ANOTHER SUBSTITUTE PARENT...

!!
YOU DON'T UNDERSTAND MY FEELINGS AT ALL!
ARE YOU DONE?!
You...
What did you do to my Mariero---!!
It talked
THIS CAT... REALLY IS A SERVANT...
ボフッ
ミャー

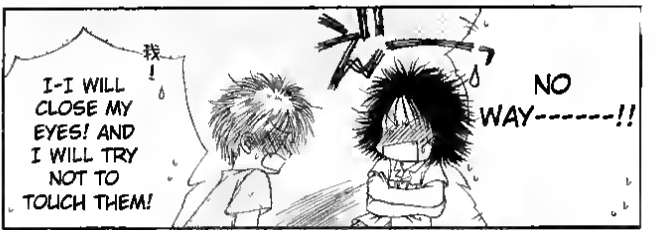
I'M NOT A SERVANT! I AM YUEGU! TRIBE'S TIANHE,
I AM ALSO MARIERU'S FIANCE!
I AM NOT ENGAGED TO YOU!
I AGREED TO CHANGE YOU INTO A PET TO STAY BESIDE ME BECAUSE YOU WERE TOO PERSISTENT!
pet.
I want peace.
not listening
TO HIT MY FIANCE. .
THERE'S NO WAY I WILL FORGIVE YOU!

I WANT TO DEFEAT YOU!
I'VE ALWAYS, ALWAYS, ALWAYS SEEN YOU AS AN EYESORE
another one who doesn't takes off his shoes
MISS MARIERU, PLEASE STOP HIM.
PERMISSION GRANTED
SERIOUS?! I CAN?! YOU FINALLY ACCEPTED ME.
I DID NOT!
WE CAN TAKE HIKATO BACK IF HE IS DEFEATED!
AGAIN, COME HERE!

WA-!
GO AWAY! I'LL OPEN A PASSAGE.
THEY ESCAPED!
CAN'T GO IN!
WE CAME IN TO THE MIRROR?!
ASAHI, GIVE ME BLOOD!
TIANHE'S NOT THAT EASY TO DEFEAT!
OW
KYA

YOU MEAN. THE HEART
CHEST THIS PLACE?

I CAN'T DEFEAT TIANHE USING MY CURRENT STRENGTH!
I NEED TO RECOVER MY ORIGINAL BODY QUICKLY...!
IN THE TIME THAT YUUFI HAS MADE FOR US
BUT, IT'S SO SUDDEN ..
THERE'S A WAY THAT ALLOWS ME TO RECOVER MY ORIGINAL BODY TEMPORARILY
IT'S ... TO SUCK BLOOD AS CLOSE TO THE HEART AS POSSIBLE...


我!
I-I WILL CLOSE MY EYES! AND I WILL TRY NOT TO TOUCH THEM!
NO WAY------!!

THANKS!
I... GOT IT...
光花
PLEASE...!!

DON'T YOU DARE OPEN YOU EYES OK?! GOT IT?!
I KNOW...
THE HEART'S PLACE.
I'LL CURE YOU WITH MY HAND
PAIN...
It was because she was too nervous.
THIS IS SO EMBA-RRASSING------!

OK! I'M DONE!

I'M FULL!
HI... HIKATO...?!
WHY ARE YOU SO BIG?!
HI!
YOU LOOK KINDA SMALL NOW!
WHO ARE YOU
HUH?!

ARE... YOU REALLY HIKATO?!
HOW COME IT FEELS SO DIFFERENT...!
I'M SORRY, I'M JUST SO HEAVY!!
HAHAHA! YOU'RE HEAVIER THAN YOU LOOK!
PUT... PUT ME DOWN..!
THAT'S BECAUSE WE VAMPIRES' PERSONALITY WILL CHANGE A LITTLE WHEN WE BECOME BIG.
HUH?!
THE PERSONALITY OF HIKATO 'THE CHILD' IS WRAPPED WITH THE PERSONALITY OF HIKATO 'THE ADULT' TO GIVE THE ME RIGHT NOW.
THE TIME THAT YUURI USED TO DISTRACT THEM IS KINDA LONG ——
THEY'RE SO SLOW.
YOU DON'T NEED TO WORRY, I'M STILL ME!
ALTHOUGH THE MEMORIES ARE CONNECTED, THE PERSONALITIES ARE A LITTLE BIT DIFFERENT
WHAT ....?
CATCH HIM!
WHAT'S THAT?

WHAT -----!
IT'S... REALLY NOTHING...!
SAY IT!
OR ELSE I'LL KISS YOU!
WHY DID IT BECOME THIS WAY?
NOTHING
SAY IT!
WHAT? YOU SEEM TO HAVE SOMETHING TO SAY,
YOU..
YOU HUMANS ARE A FEW HUNDRED THOUSAND YEARS TOO EARLY TO LIE TO ME!
NOT TAKING THE AIR THAT BECAME SMALLER.
WHAT'S WITH THAT?! 'YOU HUMANS'
THE TONE IS THE SAME AS MARIERU.
BECAUSE YOU...!
AND THE HIKATO JUST NOW ARE JUST TOO DIFFERENT!
I WAS SHOCKED!
IS THAT SO...
BUT AFTER RECOVERING MY ORIGINAL FORM COMPLETELY... I AM ALWAYS LIKE THIS
HUH...
"GOT IT?

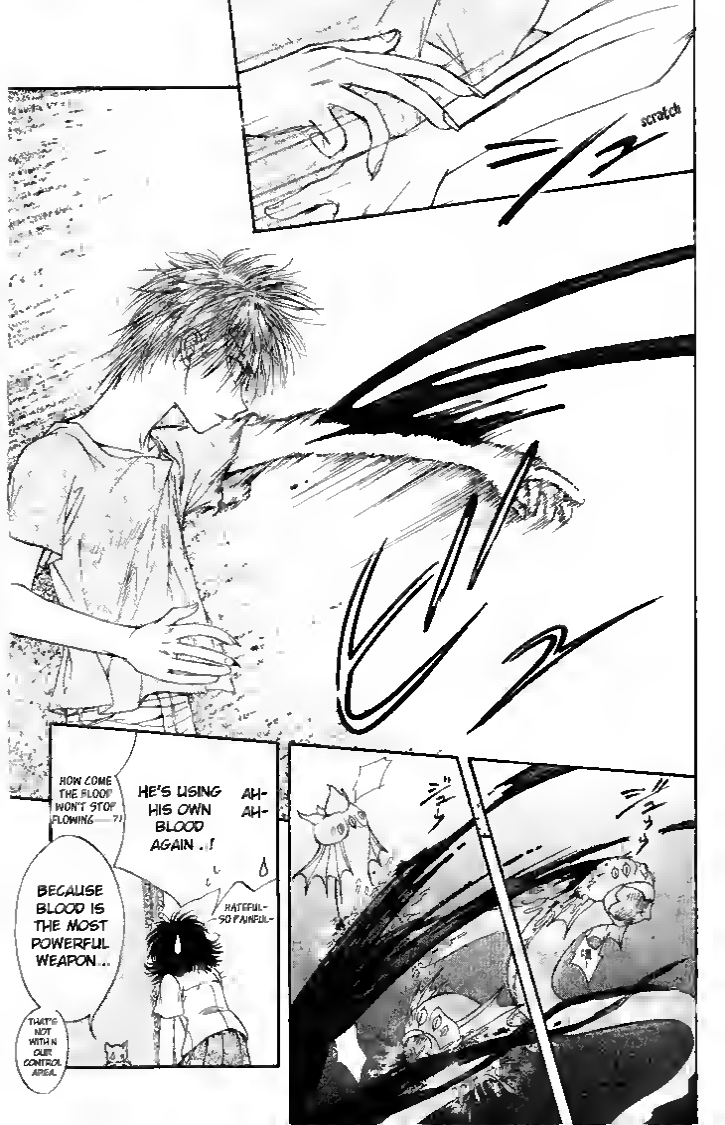
... EVEN SO,
WILL THE HIKATO IN THIS FORM STILL PROTECT THIS WORLD?
IT'S OK...
ALL SUBSTITUTE PARENTS REACT THE SAME WAY YOU DID.
OF COURSE THEY WILL BE SURPRISED
MAYBE I REALLY CAN'T HELP AT ALL.
ALTHOUGH IT IS AS MARIERU SAID,
I WISH TO DO SOMETHING FOR YOU,
SO.
I SAID I WILL PROTECT MY TERRITORY,
THERE'S NO NEED FOR YOU TO WORRY!
AH, HE SAID THE SAME THING WHEN HE WAS SMALL
BUT...
NO MORE BUTS!
ALTHOUGH WHEN I BECAME A SMALL KID,
I DID A LOT OF THINGS THAT ATTRACTED YOUR ATTENTION,

I NEVER SAID THE PRIZE FOR ME KILLING THE MONSTERS WOULD BE YOU BEING BETTER TO ME!
I...DIDN'T...
RELAX
I WILL ERASE YOUR MEMORY ONCE YOUR MISSION IS DONE ANYWAYS,
SO YOU'LL JUST HAVE TO GET ALONG WELL WITH ME IN THE PERIOD OF TIME WHEN I AM TRYING TO RECOVER MY ORIGINAL FORM..
THE SAME AS SUBSTITUTE PARENTS BEFORE!
...HOW COULD YOU
SAY THAT...
HIKARU!

DAMN... HE RECOVERED HIS ORIGINAL FORM!
YOUR HIGH-NESS...
YOUR HIGHNESS?
MA MARIERU
AH... NO! UNCONS-CIOUSLY.
THERE'S NO NEED TO THROW ME!
WA
HERE!
YOUR TURN TO GET OUT!

HOW COULD THEY BULLY A SMALL ANIMAL!
YOU
ARE YOU ALRIGHT?! SO MANY WOUNDS!
I'LL BE FINE SOON.
small animal?
YOU GO TO THE SIDE!
YOU CAN'T DEFEAT HIM YOURSELF.
I...
...AHA,
MARI,
YOU WANT TO GO AGAINST ME?
EXCUSE ME.
MARIERU HAS ALWAYS BEEN LIKE THIS.
SHE'S ONLY VERY LOUD WHEN HIS HIGHNESS BECOMES SMALL.
BECAUSE OF HER CONARDLY PERSONALITY
SHE HAS NOT DONE ANYTHING TO FORCE HIS HIGHNESS TO GO HOME.
I CAN'T FIGHT THAT FACE—
...I HAD BETTER BACK DOWN..

GO!
BEASTS OF LIGHTNING
AH...
IS HE ALLIED WITH THE DEMONS?
THERE'S A MINUTE DIFFERENCE...
YOU WON'T UNDERSTAND


scratch
AH-
AH-
HE'S USING HIS OWN BLOOD AGAIN..!
HOW COME THE BLOOD WON'T STOP FLOWING.....?!
BECAUSE BLOOD IS THE MOST POWERFUL WEAPON..
HATEFUL- SO PAINFUL-
THAT'S NOT WITH IN OUR CONTROL AREA.

HIS HIGHNESS IS ALRIGHT IN THIS CURRENT FORM
BUT LOSING SO MUCH BLOOD WILL...
ALTHOUGH IT'S TEMPORARY, HIS STRENGTH WILL RECOVER AS IN HIS ORIGINAL FORM.
EVEN SO, I DON'T WANT TO SEE HIM LIKE THIS
THE ME THAT CAN ONLY SIT HERE
CAN'T
HELP AT ALL

THIS IS HIS HIGHNESS, HIKATO
!!!
HIKATO'S BLOOD... SEEMS TO HAVE LIFE
DAMN!

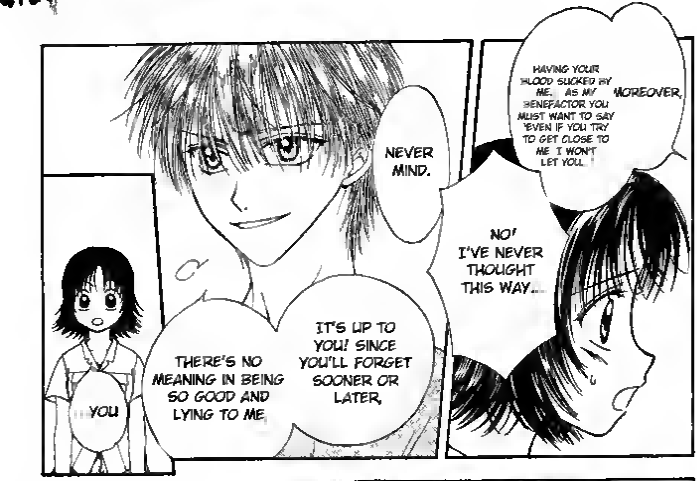
I'LL GO GET SOME!
WAIT..
MEDICINE WOULD DO SOME GOOD.
YOUR WOUND DIDN'T HEAL AT ALL!
TWINKLE CRYING
EH?
ARE YOU ALRIGHT YUURI?
...CAN'T MOVE..
ガーん
LOST THE FEELING OF MY BODY
WEIRD
I REMEMBER PUTTING IT HERE...
the first aid kit

I'LL CUT YOUR THROAT IF YOU MOVE!
MARIERU,
NO MATTER HOW MUCH YOU WORRY FOR HIKATO, THERE'S NO NEED
SHUT UP!
YOU'RE JUST A SUBSTITUTE MOTHER,
THE REASON WHY THE SMALL HIKATO TREASURES YOU SO MUCH,
IS THAT IT IS THE INSTINCT OF VAMPIRES!
THE HIKATO NOW PROTECTS YOU SO AS TO CARRY OUT HIS RESPONSIBILITY TOWARDS SUBSTITUTE PARENTS!
IT'S THE SAME FOR ANY SUBSTITUTE PARENT!
SO,
DON'T YOU DARE THINK THAT 'YOU ARE SPECIAL'!
HEY, TIANHE! JUST ADMIT DEFEAT!
HURRY AND BRING MARIERU BACK!
I'M BORED

I'M SERIOUS...!
HIKATO!
BASTARD!
IF YOU WANT TO SAVE ASAHI,
THEN COME BACK WITH US QUIETLY...!
SIGH---
YUURI DIDN'T LOOK AFTER HER PROPERLY...
SWEEH...
GOT IT!
I'LL GO BACK.
I'LL ALREADY SAID I'M GOING BACK!
WHAT'S THIS! DO YOU MISTRUST ME THIS MUCH?
OF COURSE!
WHO WOULD BELIEVE YOU!
SLY

I WAS TOO CARELESS
IT'S NOT YOUR FAULT,
I'M SORRY, HIKATO...
NO CHOICE, I'LL JUST MAKE MY ESCAPE WHEN I TURN SMALL
IF HE STAYS HERE HIKATO WILL HAVE TO FIGHT TO THE END
LEAVING MIGHT BE BETTER FOR HIKATO
DO YOU WANT TO BE A MISSING PERSON?
... AH!
THAT'S NOT TOO GOOD!
I WON'T TAKE ASAHI WITH ME, YOU CAN LET HER GO NOW
I WILL FIND ANOTHER SUBSTITUTE PARENT THERE
!?
.. HIKATO...?
I'M SORRY, I DIDN'T PROTECT YOU PROPERLY...
AND GAVE YOU SO MUCH TROUBLE

...YOU DIDN'T GIVE ME ANY TROUBLE ...
WHAT IS THIS?
I ONLY DONATED SOME BLOOD TO YOU....
SO A SUBSTITUTE PARENT CAN BE ANYONE?
HERE, GIVE ME YOUR HAND, I'M GOING TO ERASE YOUR MEMORIES.
TO BE ABLE TO BE RELEASED EARLIER IS A GOOD THING.
B... EVEN THOUGH I KNEW THIS FROM THE START....
BUT.... ISN'T SEARCHING FOR A SUBSTITUTE PARENT DIFFICULT ?
YA I'LL THINK OF SOMETHING.
IT'S NOT LIKE THE WORLD ONLY HAS ONE SUBSTITUTE MOTHER!
RELEASED?
ME?
IT'S NOT LIKE YOU BECAME MY SUBSTITUTE MOTHER WILLINGLY....


HAVING YOUR BLOOD SUCKED BY ME. AS MY BENEFACTOR YOU MUST WANT TO SAY "EVEN IF YOU TRY TO GET CLOSE TO ME I WON'T LET YOU."
MOREOVER,
NO! I'VE NEVER THOUGHT THIS WAY...
NEVER MIND.
IT'S UP TO YOU! SINCE YOU'LL FORGET SOONER OR LATER,
THERE'S NO MEANING IN BEING SO GOOD AND LYING TO ME.
YOU

WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT--------!!
explode

WHAT.. WHAT'S GOING ON?!
HEY
HEY, YOU...?!
...THERE'S NO MEANING IN BEING NICE TO YOU?!
YOU SHOULD'VE TOLD ME THAT IN THE FIRST PLACE! BASTARD!!
WHEN YOU WERE SMALL YOU SAID "EVEN THOUGH THEY'VE FORGOTTEN ABOUT ME, I WILL STILL REMEMBER THEM FOREVER."...!
A LIE?!
WAIT
WAIT A MOMENT..
GET LOST! GO AWAY...!
COULD IT BE THAT HIS HIGHNESS' BLOOD BECAME ALIVE AGAIN...?!
BECAME A VAMPIRE?!
THE POSSIBILITY ...

BECAUSE I...!
GRABS
...LIKE THE SMALL HIKATO'S GENTLENESS, STRAIGHT FORWARDNESS AND NAIVENESS,
SO I WANT TO GIVE YOU HAPPINESS!
TO THINK THAT I WORKED SO HARD WITH TRUE FEELINGS!
AND YOU THROW ME AWAY ONCE YOU THINK THAT I AM A PEST? WHAT THE HECK IS THIS?!
THEN THE YOU FROM BEFORE IS FAKE?!

WHY DID YOU SUDDENLY PUSH ME AW Y?!
YOU LIAR! SLY GUY!
..THAT'S WHY
EVEN IF YOU WANT TO FIND ANOTHER 'SUBSTITUTE MOTHER', WHY AM I, WHO SHOULD NOT BE CARING SO MUCH ..
YOU ARE NO LONGER THE HIKATO I KNOW..!
HEARTLESS LIAR!
SO HURT!
EVEN THOUGH I KNOW HE DOESN'T NEED ME,
IT'S ALRIGHT IF YOU DON'T PROTECT ME,
I STILL FEEL UNHAPPY!
EVEN IF IT'S NOT WHAT YOU ARE, I ONLY HOPED THAT AT THE END YOU WOULD SAY...
"IT'S IMPOSSIBLE WITHOUT ME"!!

WHY AM I SCREAMING...?!
NEVER ...
NEVER MIND...
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"I NEED YOUR HELP VERY MUCH NOW",
"DON'T LEAVE ME"..!

IF YOU DIDN'T SAY ANYTHING,
I COULD HAVE FOUND ANOTHER SUBSTITUTE,
BUT NOW AFTER HEARING WHAT YOU SAID,
I WON'T LET YOU GO ANYMORE
LET, LET ME GO!
I DON'T WANT TO!

THE GROWN UP HIKATO IS NO DIFFERENT
AHAH SO THIS IS IT!
I'm sorry! I forgot to bring a handkerchief
Enough,don't care about me!
CRY-BABY...
VAMPIRES ARE THE SAME AS HUMANS,
THE OLDER THEY ARE, THE MORE INDIRECT THEY ARE!
YOU LOST QUITE A BIT OF BLOOD JUST NOW!
EH? WHAT?
...ARE YOU OK?
HIKATO IS CRYING...

IT SEEMS LIKE DRINKING YOUR BLOOD BEFORE
I DON'T KNOW HOW TO FIGHT
MY BODY WILL MOVE AUTOMATICALLY, I'M SO SORRY.
EVERYTIME I CHANGE INTO A VAMPIRE,
IT'S OK IT'S OK!
COMPARED TO YOU THIS IS NOTHING~~!!
WILL TEACH ME HOW TO..?
EH STRANGE..?
AH---- SEE!
HATE IT?
YOU'RE HUMAN SO DON'T MESS AROUND
DRINK IT! YOU'LL FEEL BETTER
...NO,
I'LL DRINK!
REALLY DIDN'T CHANGE!
BUT.. BUT...

EVEN THOUGH HIKARU TRIES TO HIDE HIS FEELINGS,
I CAN STILL SEE HIS UNEASINESS MOMENTARILY IN HIS EYES
WHEN I SEE IT, I FEEL SAD TOO
Ah!
TONE OF SPEAKING CHANGED BACK TOO?
how strange
THIS IS GOOD,
IT'S ALRIGHT
TURNED BACK...?
YOU BECAME WEAK BECAUSE I DRANK YOUR BLOOD?
SINCE I'LL TURN BACK SOONER OR LATER
SO SORRY
DIDN'T I SAY JUST NOW THAT THE TRICK OF TURNING INTO THE BIG ME IS ONLY FOR A WHILE?
IS THAT SO?
SO FITIFUL...
DON'T CRY
CAN'T CONTROL?
SORRY! SORRY!
BUT I CAN'T CONTROL MYSELF----
I... I THINK IT'S STRANGE TOO!
I'M ACTUALLY UNWILLING TO DO THIS----
sniff
WE LOST THIS TIME
GOING HOME?

IF
I CAN HELP YOU GUYS IN THE FUTURE?
MY BLOOD CAN BE USED AS A WEAPON LIKE JUST NOW,
MAKING BARRIERS, ETC
WHAT?
I WOULD ONLY CRY WHEN I AM SMALL LIKE NOW...
EHP HE'S NOT A CRYBABY?
I'LL LET YOU OFF THIS TIME...
FINALLY HEALED
YOU ACTUALLY MADE HIKATO CRY...
SCARY FELLOW
DON'T TALK ANYMORE
What are you blabbering about?
YOU CAN'T...
I'VE ALREADY DECIDED
YOU CAN'T DO SUCH DANGEROUS STUFF!
WILL BRING ME HAPPINESS
Hmm!
I haven't gave up!
PLEASE TAKE CARE OF ME!
I BELIEVE DOING THIS
I DECIDED FROM TODAY
THAT I WOULD ALSO PROTECT THIS WORLD.

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小情人

WHILE PROTECTING THE WORLD IN WHICH HUMANS LIVE HIKATO UNFORTUNATELY SHRUNK, BECAUSE OF HIS WEAK-NESS I HAVE TO PROVIDE HIM WITH MY FRESH BLOOD IN ORDER TO ALLOW HIM TO CHANGE BACK INTO A VAMPIRE
THAT'S WHAT I COULD DO FOR HIM IN THE PAST BUT THE ME NOW...
IT'S DIFFER-ENT...
BECAUSE I FOUND OUT THAT I COULD ALSO TEMPORARILY USE VAMPIRE'S POWERS
HU...
TODAY'S ALSO SO HOT

!!
MARI-ERU!
IF YOU WANNA GO, THEN GO QUICKLY!
AREN'T YOU GOING?
HIS HIGHNESS ORDERED YOU NOT TO GO RIGHT?
YOU REALLY WON'T OBEDEY HIS HIHNESS...
Got found out!
IT'S BECAUSE HE ASKED ME TO GET RID OF THESE LOW RANKED DEMONS!

TO GIVE HIKATO A HAND, I DECIDED TO ACCOMPANY HIM SO WE COULD WATCH OVER THE BARRIER.
THERE'S NO NEED TO GO WITH HER TO DO ROUTINE WORK LIKE WATCHING THE BARRIER, RIGHT
FIRSTLY, FROM WHAT I CAN DO
unwillingly agreed
AREN'T YOU TIRED?
NO, EVEN THOUGH IT'S HOT...
Aren't vampires afraid of sunlight?
THERE'S NOTHING.
THE MONSTERS DON'T COME HERE NORMALLY.
Wah! So dark!
We're here!
She seems to be excited.

THE ABILITY HERE HAS BECOME WEAKER
LET'S RENEW IT!
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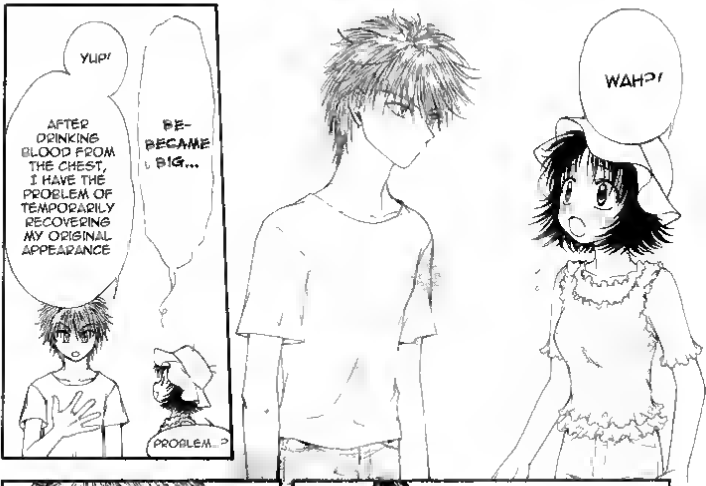
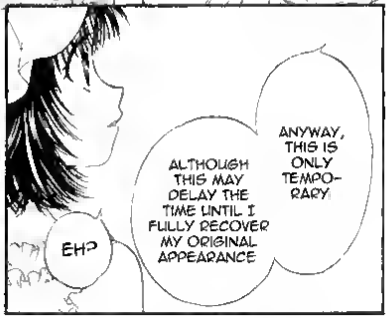

WAH?!
YUP!
AFTER DRINKING BLOOD FROM THE CHEST, I HAVE THE PROBLEM OF TEMPORARILY RECOVERING MY ORIGINAL APPEARANCE
BE-BECAME BIG...
PROBLEM...?

I CAN TRY TO USE THE BLOOD HERE
BUT MY BLOOD'S POWER IS GREATER


EH?
ALTHOUGH THIS MAY DELAY THE TIME UNTIL I FULLY RECOVER MY ORIGINAL APPEARANCE
ANYWAY, THIS IS ONLY TEMPO-RARY

Use this chance to practice
AH!
I ALSO WANT TO USE MY BLOOD TO CREATE A BARRIER!
THEN, TRY IT
OK!
I'M START-ING...
I CAN'T CHANGE INTO A VAMPIRE...
WHY DON'T YOU THROW A TEMPER LIKE LAST TIME?
YOU'D EASILY BE ABLE TO CHANGE INTO A VAMPIRE
That time... was so easy?
Strange
YOU SLY PERSON!
YOU'RE NOT SCARED AT ALL! YOU KNEW I WOULD BE LIKE THIS!
Isn't that the reason you ate me help you?
IT'S YOUR OWN FAULT
THAT'S TOO SUDDEN! I STILL WANT YOUR BLOOD...
I DON'T WANT TO
THEN I CAN CHANGE INTO A VAMPIRE
I'll be scared
Th-throw a tantrum...

H-HOW DESPICABLE!
WHAT!
FOR YOU, I...
SUCCESS!
Hehehe
Shit..! overdid it.
?
PACHA!
OK
THEN, TRY TO SMEAR YOUR BLOOD HERE
YOU DARED TO CUT YOURSELF THAT TIME JUST BECAUSE YOU WERE ANGRY
DON'T PUSH YOURSELF TO BECOME A FAKE VAMPIRE
TO BE AFRAID IS A HUMAN'S NATURE
This proves that you have a healthy mindset
I DARED TO BEFORE...
IT'S KINDA HARD TO CUT MYSELF SOMEHOW ?

AH!

IF I BECOME A VAMPIRE, THE WOUNDS WILL HEAL IMMEDIATELY
BUT, AS LONG AS I HAVE THE RESOLVE, I'LL STILL BE ABLE TO DO IT
I DON'T WANT TO MAKE YOU WORRY
NO MATTER WHETHER I'M A FAKE,
OR A REAL HUMAN,

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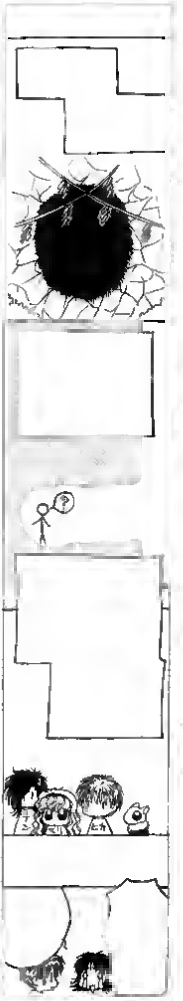


I'M SORRY TO INTERRUPT YOUR CONVERSATION,
BUT A BUG CAME HERE...
NUO...!
I thought it was a monster
EH?! A HUMAN?!
HER NAME'S NUO?
!
Qu
COCKROACH?! IT'S HUGE!
Wah-
NOT AROUND HERE?
IT'S STILL VERY YOUNG

IT'S OVER HERE!
HEY...
Don't come here!
Another one.
QIU!
EH?
I stepped on it!
LEAVE QUICKLY! THAT LIQUID WILL...

ASAHI!
HURRY AND USE BLOOD!
WILL OPEN THE GATEWAY AND CALL THE ADULT BUGS HERE
NO CHOICE HUH...
Then let me

HUH?!
CAN'T MOVE
DAMN

ARE YOU ALL RIGHT?

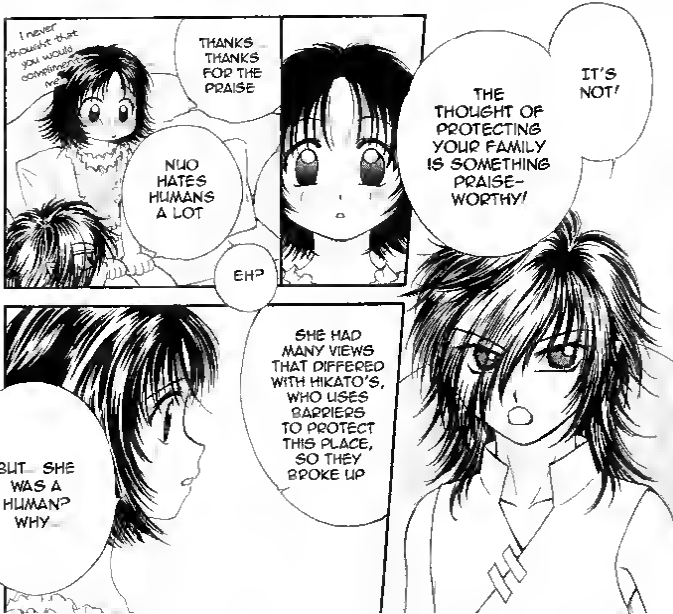
I am your Highness' servant
Don't help me, help Asahi
IT SEEMS TO BE OVER THERE
SO SO STRONG!
Y-YES
NUO,
WHY DID YOU COME HERE?
IT'S NO-THING
I JUST WANTED TO COME HERE AND LOOK AROUND
DON'T MISUNDER-STAND!
ALTHOUGH I KILLED THOSE MONSTERS
I STILL OBJECT TO BARRIERS!
...YOUR LIFE'S NOT BAD, HUH?
IT'S ALL THANKS TO YOU!
Transcendence

DO YOU...
STILL LIKE ME NOW?
I DON'T DESPISE YOU
IS THAT SO?
THEN, SEE YOU NEXT TIME

YES!
DON'T GO NEAR HER ALONE!
EH?
THEN, SHE WAS HUMAN BEFORE
SHE'S MY FIRST SUBSTITUTE MOTHER
NOW A VAMPIRE
EH? WHY
THAT WOMAN'S PERSONALITY IS ALMOST THE SAME AS YOURS
SO DON'T START ANY SORT OF RELATIONSHIP WITH HER
Let's go home!
Thanks
HERE YOUR HAT!
HE WALKED OFF
GO BACK FIRST WITH YUURI,
I'LL GO AND CHECK IF THERE'S ANY MORE OF THOSE BUGS
W-WAIT A MOMENT
NO,
YOU SHOULD GO ASK HIS HIGHNESS
YUURI
tell me

I'm angry.
WHAT? YOU DON'T EVEN KNOW WHAT I'M GOING TO ASK...
I ALREADY KNOW THE QUESTION THAT YOU WANT TO ASK.
PLEASE ASK HIS HIGHNESS YOURSELF.
Your scent seems to be very warm.
AH, NUO REALLY DID COME HERE..
THERE'S STILL HER SCENT HERE
TIANHE?!
HIKATO IS SO SLOW
HE SAW HIS WOMAN FROM THE PAST, SO HE MUST HAVE BEEN DROWNED IN SADNESS, RIGHT?
WOMAN FROM THE PAST...
I'M NOT LYING
THEY'RE AN OLD COUPLE!

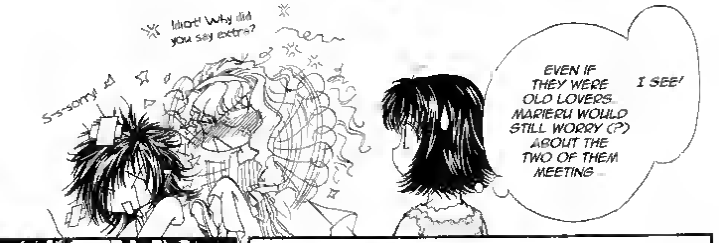
BUT THAT WAS OVER 150 YEARS AGO
AFTER THEY BROKE UP, NUO STAYED AT THE OTHER SIDE OF THE CAVE,
BUT AFTER SHE HEARD WHAT I SAID ABOUT YOU, SHE BECAME VERY CURIOUS
CURIOUS ABOUT ME?
150 years ago ?
THAT'S A BAD PERIOD
"ALTHOUGH SHE'S JUST A SUBSTITUTE MOTHER, SHE WISHES TO HELP HIKATO"
IS WHAT I SAID BAD?
Even you
...IS IT THAT WEIRD THAT I WANT TO HELP?

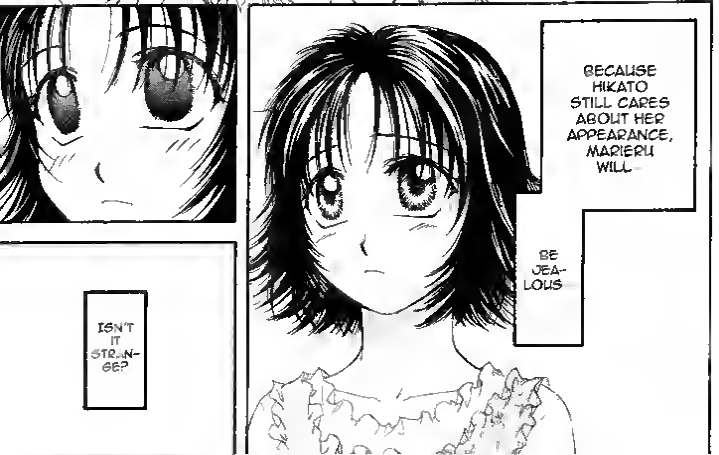

IT'S NOT!
THE THOUGHT OF PROTECTING YOUR FAMILY IS SOMETHING PRAISE-WORTHY!
THANKS THANKS FOR THE PRAISE
I never thought that you would compliment me
NUO HATES HUMANS A LOT
EH?
SHE HAD MANY VIEWS THAT DIFFERED WITH HIKATO'S, WHO USES BARRIERS TO PROTECT THIS PLACE, SO THEY BROKE UP
BUT... SHE WAS A HUMAN? WHY...

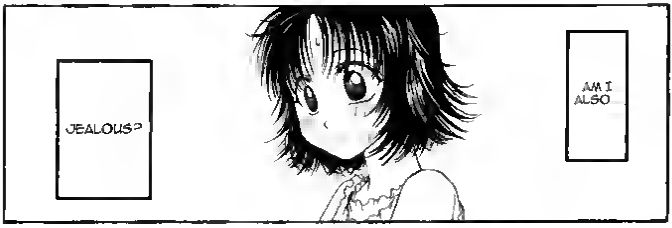
HIKATO
NUO WAS BORN IN A VERY POOR VILLAGE,
ONE YEAR THERE WAS A DROUGHT DISASTER AND THUS SHE WAS CHOSEN AS A SACRIFICE TO ASK FOR RAIN, I WAS THE ONE WHO SAVED HER.
BECAUSE SHE WAS SACRIFICED!
YUP, SHE HATED HUMANS A LOT—
SO, YOU MUST BE CAREFUL.

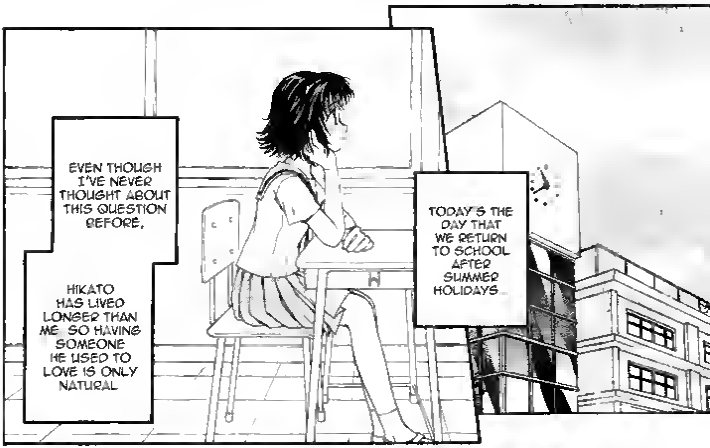
MA... MARIERU?!
...It's too late...

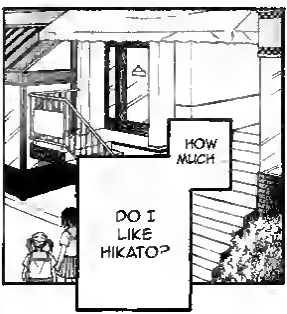
WHAT'S WITH YOUR ATTITUDE?! I CAME HERE BECAUSE I WAS WORRIED ABOUT YOU
YOU SHOULD BE GETTING HOME RIGHT?
EEK...
The reason she came here was because of you!
YOU JUST WANT TO BRING NUO BACK BEFORE MARIERU REALIZES THAT SHE'S GONE!


S-sorry!
Idiot! Why did you say extra?
I SEE!
EVEN IF THEY WERE OLD LOVERS, MARIERU WOULD STILL WORRY (?) ABOUT THE TWO OF THEM MEETING...


BECAUSE HIKATO STILL CARES ABOUT HER APPEARANCE, MARIERU WILL...
BE JEALOUS
ISN'T IT STRANGE?


JEALOUS?
AM I ALSO


EVEN THOUGH I'VE NEVER THOUGHT ABOUT THIS QUESTION BEFORE,
HIKATO HAS LIVED LONGER THAN ME. SO HAVING SOMEONE HE USED TO LOVE IS ONLY NATURAL
TODAY'S THE DAY THAT WE RETURN TO SCHOOL AFTER SUMMER HOLIDAYS...


HOW MUCH
DO I LIKE HIKATO?

...I WAS RELIEVED AFTER HEARING THAT SHE WAS HIS EX-GIRL-FRIEND

NUO, IT'S YOU...
YOU REALLY DID BECAME MORE CAUTIOUS AROUND ME
Did Hauro tell you to be careful around me?
AREN'T YOU... AN ENEMY?
Cafe ラ・フロ
THERE ARE OTHERS HERE, SO YOU DON'T NEED TO BE SO SCARED.
I'LL BE PAYING FOR THIS MEAL!
DO YOU HAVE THE MONEY CURRENCY HERE?
I STOLE SOME FROM THAT PERSON OVER THERE!
WHAT?
MY HANDS ARE VERY GOOD...
THIS PLACE CHANGED A LOT
IT'S BEEN A HUNDRED YEARS. OF COURSE IT'S CHANGED...

HE'S LIKE A REAL GOD
PUTTING UP BARRIERS AND FIGHTING FOR THE SAKE OF HUMANS
IN THE END HE WAS HURT BADLY
I BECAME HIS SUBSTITUTE MOTHER SO AS TO RETURN HIM TO HIS ORIGINAL FORM.
EVEN SO, I TREATED HIM AS A GOD
AND THEN HE CONTINUED TO PROTECT HUMANS
EH?
DO YOU WANT TO BECOME A VAMPIRE TO HELP HIM?
ONE PERSON COULD ONLY BE A SUBSTITUTE MOTHER ONCE, SO WHEN THAT MISSION WAS FINISHED, I BECAME A VAMPIRE, LIKE HIM.
BECAUSE I WANTED TO HAVE GREAT POWERS LIKE HIKATO

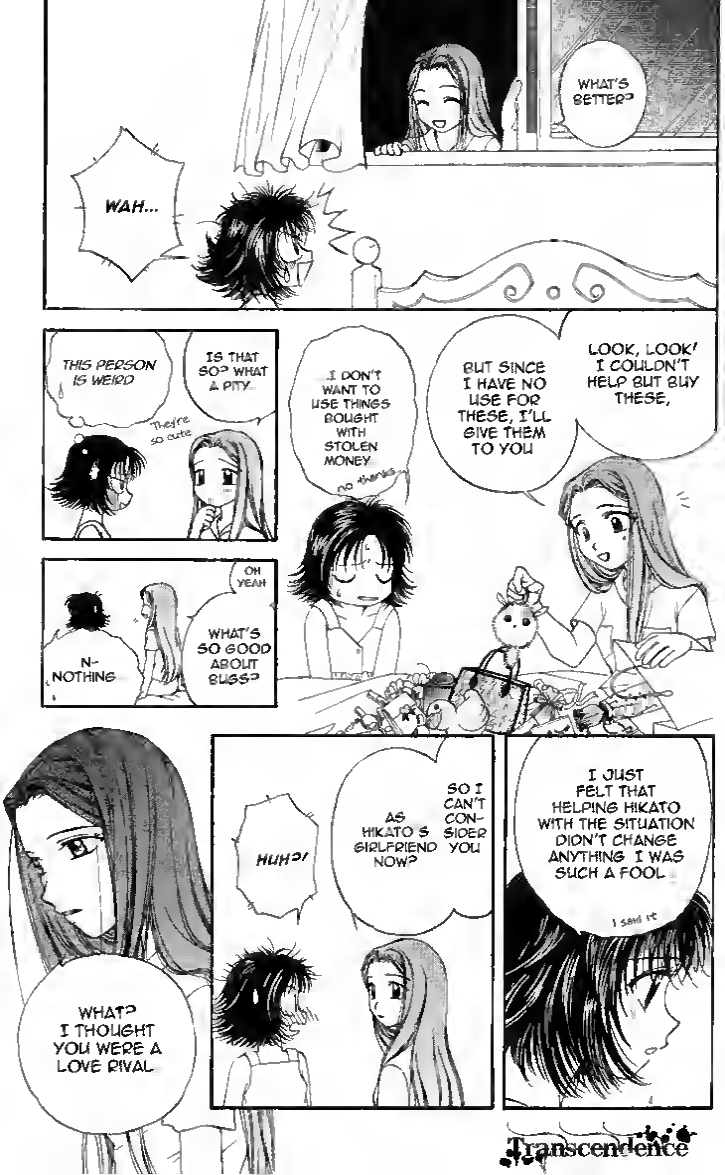
SO... IT'S LIKE THAT HUH...
I IGNORED THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN WHAT I WANTED TO DO, AND WHAT I COULD DO
IT'S JUST... IT LOOKED LIKE I COULD HELP
I'M NOT SURE NOW...
IT WOULD BE PAINFUL FOR YOU TO GIVE UP BEING A HUMAN
AND CAN BE ACCEPTED IN THIS WORLD,
BECAUSE YOU ARE NOT A SACRIFICE,
EH?
A DIFFERENT SPECIES, HUH...?
CAN YOU BEAR THAT?
EVEN IF YOU REGRET, YOU CAN'T TURN BACK INTO A HUMAN
IF YOU BECOME A VAMPIRE, YOU WILL BECOME AN ENTIRELY DIFFERENT SPECIES

Even if I regret one day
IF I'M NOT HUMAN ANYMORE, AND HAVE TO BE SECLUDED FOREVER,
IF THAT'S WHAT I CHOOSE,
NO MATTER WHAT EVERYONE ELSE THINKS,
I WON'T DENY...
THE "DIFFERENT SPECIES" WAY OF LIFE
SHOULDN'T YOU GET GOING?
HIKATO HAS BEEN GLARING AT US FOR A WHILE
WHAT?!
AH!

ASAHI ARE YOU ALL RIGHT?
EEK
EH? SHE DIDN'T TRY TO DO ANYTHING TO ME AND SHE WAS A VERY GENTLE PERSON
SHIT, IS HE ANGRY?
IS THAT SO
HUH HE'S NOT ANGRY WITH ME
IS HE WORRIED ABOUT ME? I KNEW IT
HE'S PROBABLY NOT ONLY WORRIED ABOUT ME
BUT HER AS WELL.
OH YEAH
DO I NEED TO PATROL THE BARRIER WITH YOU TODAY?
ASAHI
YOU ARE SPECIAL!
SUBSTITUTE MOTHERS NORMALLY DON'T KEEP TURNING INTO VAMPIRES LIKE YOU DO

MY BLOOD SHOULD HAVE ALREADY LOST ITS EFFECTS,
BUT THAT POWER STILL STAYED IN YOUR BODY
NORMALLY, THE HUMAN BODY JUST REJECTS ANY TYPE OF ALIEN SUBSTANCE.
IT MUST BE BECAUSE YOU DON'T HAVE ANY PROTECTION AGAINST IT.
IF THIS CONTINUES,
IT'S POSSIBLE THAT YOU WON'T BE ABLE TO TURN BACK INTO A HUMAN ONE DAY.
IF YOU DON'T HAVE THE DESIRE TO BECOME THE SAME SPECIES AS ME,
THEN DON'T TRY TO TURN INTO A VAMPIRE ANYMORE.

I HOPE THAT YOU WON'T TAKE IT LIGHTLY AND BECOME A VAMPIRE RANDOMLY.
EVEN THOUGH NIJO BECAME A VAMPIRE BECAUSE SHE WANTED TO.
BEING A VAMPIRE MIGHT HAVE INCREASED HER PAIN.
I DON'T WANT YOU TO FEEL THAT SAME PAIN...
BUGS ARE STILL BETTER...


WHAT'S BETTER?
WAH...
THIS PERSON IS WEIRD
IS THAT SO? WHAT A PITY.
They're so cute
I DON'T WANT TO USE THINGS BOUGHT WITH STOLEN MONEY
no thanks
BUT SINCE I HAVE NO USE FOR THESE, I'LL GIVE THEM TO YOU
LOOK, LOOK! I COULDN'T HELP BUT BUY THESE,
OH YEAH
WHAT'S SO GOOD ABOUT BUGS?
N-NOTHING
SO I CAN'T CONSIDER YOU AS HIKATO'S GIRLFRIEND NOW?
HUH?!
I JUST FELT THAT HELPING HIKATO WITH THE SITUATION DION'T CHANGE ANYTHING I WAS SUCH A FOOL
I said it
WHAT? I THOUGHT YOU WERE A LOVE RIVAL

BE-BECAUSE HE'S PROTECTING OUR WORLD BY HIMSELF! I CAN'T JUST IGNORE IT
BUT, SINCE YOU ARE NOT HIS GIRLFRIEND,
WHY DO YOU WANT TO HELP HIM?
LOVE RIVAL
I KNEW IT
SHE STILL LIKES HIKATO...
THAT'S RIGHT...
DOESN'T HIKATO HATE PEOPLE DOING THAT?
ARE YOU BEING GRATEFUL?
HE DOESN'T LIKE IT
I STILL WANT TO THANK HIM
...
EVEN SO, I STILL LIKE HIKATO,
SO I STILL WANT TO HELP HIM...
THAT'S BECAUSE HE WANTS TO ERASE SUBSTITUTE PARENTS UNEASINESS, AND NOT LET THEM FEEL GUILTY
AFTER SUBSTITUTE PARENTS FINISH THEIR DUTY, WOULDN'T HIKATO ERASE THAT HUMAN'S MEMORIES OF HIM?

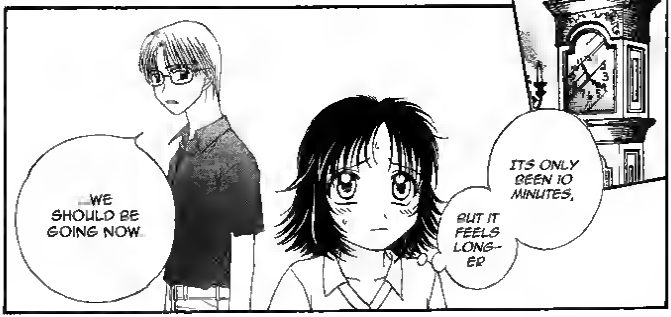
SO YOU DON'T NEED TO BE SAD ABOUT NOT BEING ABLE TO HELP,
YOU WOULD JUST ADD ON TO HIS BURDEN
THERE'S A NEED TO LET THE SUBSTITUTE PARENTS FORGET ALL ABOUT HIM?
...THAT'S WHY...
EXTREME?
HIKATO HE IS TOO EXTREME...
I DON'T WANT TO FORGET HIM
EVEN IF I'LL REGRET IT OR FEEL GUILTY...
HAVING ME FORGET ABOUT HIM
IS THE MOST PAINFUL THING THAT HE CAN DO TO ME

(In the middle of eating lunch)
HERE.
YUURI WANTED YOU TO DRINK THIS.
...WHAT'S THIS? It's green.
YOU'RE WELCOME!
THANKS, I'M FULL.
I DON'T WANT IT
WITH SOME OTHER MEDICINAL GRASSES
GRASS JUICE
MAKES ME THINK THAT YOU'RE CUTE—
?
Sigh
IT'S THIS THAT
I'LL DRINK IT WITH YOU—
Then
GIVE HALF TO ME?
DRINKING THIS IS GOOD FOR THE BODY!
It's so hot today so to prevent dehydration.
EVEN IF IT'S GOOD FOR THE BODY I STILL FEEL DISGUSTED
I DON'T WANT SO DRINK SUCH A SAD-TASTING THING

Transcendence

EVEN THOUGH YOU'RE A NICE PERSON,
SOMETIMES, YOU STILL MAKE HORRIBLE MISTAKES
EH...?
THINGS THAT AREN'T SUPPOSED TO BE SPLIT IN HALF...
ISN'T THIS...
W-WHAT WAS THAT JUST NOW?
— THE BARRIER'S BEEN BROKEN!
WHAT?
YOU CAN ALSO FEEL IT IMMEDIATELY AT TIMES LIKE THESE, HUH?
YOUR HIGH-NESS!

YUURI, GO AND PROTECT ASAHI!
AH...
GO FIX THE BARRIER QUICKLY, OR ELSE THE BUGS AND DEMONS WILL COME OUT ONE BY ONE
IT HAS TO BE NUO!
TO BE ABLE TO BREAK THE BARRIER SO EASILY,
I DON'T WANT TO LET THAT WOMAN MESS AROUND!
EVEN THOUGH I'M AGAINST BARRIERS,
EH? ARE WE GOING TO HELP HIKATO?
against barriers
LET'S GO, TIANHE!
I ALREADY SAID THAT I DON'T WANT IT!
AREN'T YOU DRINKING THIS?
It's good for your body.
AM I SUPPOSED TO WATCH THE HOUSE?


WE SHOULD BE GOING NOW
ITS ONLY BEEN 10 MINUTES,
BUT IT FEELS LONGER

HIS HIGHNESS ORDERED ME TO PROTECT YOU, BUT HE NEVER SAID THAT I HAD TO STAY HERE
EH?! REALLY?!
Good thing the small Highness is slow.
HIS HIGHNESS' POWERS WILL INCREASE WITH YOU BY HIS SIDE
SO YOU ARE STILL USEFUL WHEN YOU DON'T CHANGE INTO A VAMPIRE

CAN I TREAT YOU AS A TOOL?
Please?
...YES!

NORMAL HUMANS CAN'T SEE THE DEMONS NOW
THEY WON'T HURT THOSE WHO CAN'T SEEM THEM, BUT AS TIME PASSES, THEY'LL MATERIALIZE
WAH
SO MANY HAVE ALREADY ESCAPED?
Although, they're all low-ranked demons

I've looked them! Each them all up!
EVERY-ONE S SO STRONG
THAT'S PROBABLY BETTER
IT'S JUST THAT HIS HIGHNESS DOESN T LIKE TO KILL
HIS HIGHNESS IS THE STRONGEST
THE BUGS DISAPPEARED
THE RAPPIER SEEMS TO BE FIXED

BECAUSE I HAVE ONLY THIS ONE CHANCE,
...NO MATTER WHAT,
YOU STILL WANT TO FIGHT ME?
NOW THAT ASAHI IS DETERMINED TO STAND BESIDE YOU...
BEFORE IT BECOMES A BATTLE OF TWO VERSUS ONE, I WANT TO HAVE MY REVENGE ON THE HUMANS HERE!
THE PEOPLE WHO TOOK YOU AS A SACRIFICE ARE ALREADY DEAD!
I KNOW!
EVEN SO, I'M STILL ANGRY!
EVEN IF I BREAK UP WITH YOU OR LEAVE THIS PLACE FOREVER!

I'M TIRED OF HAVING TO LIVE THROUGH EVERY DAY WITHOUT BEING ABLE TO AVENGE MYSELF!
YOU DON'T HATE ME, RIGHT?
EVEN THOUGH YOU GAVE ME A NEW LIFE,
YOU STILL STOOD BETWEEN ME AND MY RIGHTFUL REVENGE
IF YOU ARE STILL STOPPING ME NOW.
YES
I'LL...
KILL YOU!
I THOUGHT TIME WOULD CALM YOUR ANGER

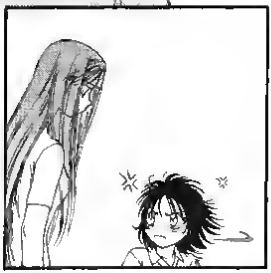
THAT'S WHY I ALLOWED YOU TO BECOME A VAMPIRE
BUT YOU BECAME EVEN ANGRIER,
IT'S ALL MY FAULT...

I'M SORRY, I DIDN'T PROTECT YOU PROPERLY!
PAIN!
ASAHI?!
HIKATO!
YOU WEREN'T THINKING OF EVER COMING BACK, WERE YOU?!
BASTARD, DON'T DIE LIKE THAT!
LOOK AT WHAT YOU'VE DONE! YUURI AND I ARE COVERED WITH BLOOD!
AND YOU MADE ME SO ANGRY THAT I TURNED INTO A VAMPIRE!
I'M SO ANGRY THAT I'M CRYING!
Don't mind me. I'm trying to stop your bleeding.

SEE! THANK GOD YOU WERE BY HIS SIDE
MAYBE
I stopped a sad thing from happening.

I I'M SORRY
UNKNOWINGLY

WHAT WERE YOU THINKING?!
IF YOU HAD KILLED HIKARU, WOULDN'T YOU HAVE FELT MORE PAIN?!



THEN, PLEASE, KILL ME!
SO IF MY WISH CANNOT BE FULFILLED,
A VAMPIRE'S LIFE SPAN IS MUCH LONGER THAN A HUMAN'S.

THE AMOUNT OF LOVE AND HATE FOR HIM IS THE SAME.
MY HEART HAS ALREADY BEEN BROKEN.

I BEG YOU!
I CAME HERE BECAUSE OF THIS
I WAS
THE ONE WHO GAVE YOU YOUR LIFE
LET ME FULFILL YOUR

DIDN'T I SAY NO?!
PAIN

I DON'T ALLOW NUO TO SAY SUCH SELFISH WORDS!
IF YOU MUST, THEN GO COMMIT SUICIDE! SELFISH WOMAN!
ASKING HIKATO IS TOO CRUEL!
AND YOU HIKATO,
CAN'T YOU SAY SOMETHING LIKE, "YOU MUST TREASURE THE LIFE I SAVE YOU, NO MATTER HOW PAINFUL IT IS?"
IF YOU BELIEVE IN NUO, MAYBE SHE'LL TRY TO CONTINUE LIVING!
YOU ACTUALLY WANT EACH OTHER TO LIVE
EVERY UNHAPPY, PAINFUL THING, IF EVERYONE SHARES A PORTION OF IT,
THEN, YOU CAN'T BLAME IT ALL ON ONE PERSON, RIGHT?
YOU CAN'T PUSH ALL THE BLAME ON HUMANS AND YOURSELF!

PAIN...
YOU ARE LOOKING DOWN ON THIS PERSON'S ACTIONS!
ARE YOU COMPLIMENTING OR INSULTING ME?
YOU ARE PROBABLY DIFFERENT FROM ME!
...YOU WEAK FAKE VAMPIRE,
I REALLY DON'T KNOW WHO YOU THINK YOU ARE, THICK-SKINNED IDIOT!
BUT, I REALLY ADMIRE YOU
I MUST NEED GOD'S HELP!
EVEN THOUGH THE VICTIMS OF MY HATE HAVE DISAPPEARED,
WHY DO I FEEL SO PAINED?
I DON'T CARE ABOUT THEM, LEAVE ME ALONE!
THE HUMANS IN THIS WORLD HAVE ALSO CHANGED!

I DON'T EVEN HAVE THE COURAGE TO COMMIT SUICIDE, SO MY HEAD MUST STILL BE CLEAR
I WILL TRY TO LIVE ON
GOD PLEASE REALIZE MY WISH,
I WANT TO PUT ALL MY HATRED AND ANGER ON YOU SO AS TO BE FREE
HIKATO ISN'T GOD
YOU'RE RIGHT!
HIKATO WILL BE VERY HAPPY
IF YOU LIKE HIKATO THEN SHOULDN'T YOU RELY ON HIM MORE?
ASAHI,
I'LL BE GOING...
YOU MUST UNDERSTAND MORE OF HIKATO'S PERSONALITY!
HUH...

IF I CHOOSE TO LEAVE YOU AND BECOME A HUMAN IN THE FUTURE,
DON'T ERASE MY MEMORY OK?
...
IS- IS THAT SO?
WHAT DOES SHE MEAN ?
AM I ALREADY RELYING ON HIM?
Thanks for helping me stop the bleeding!
So good! The wound has almost healed
WHY?
SINCE THE EFFECTS OF MY ACTIONS WILL SOON BE KNOWN ANYWAY,
YOU DON'T NEED TO TELL ME THAT I'LL REGRET WHAT I'VE DONE,
You're welcome!
BUT
NEXT TIME, MAYBE I WILL TURN INTO A VAMPIRE UNCONSCIOUSLY WHEN THERE IS A NEED,
YET UNKNOWINGLY TURN BACK INTO THE REAL ME!
I-I WON'T ALLOW YOU TO DO THAT...!
SO I'LL JUST BE ME,
AND DO WHAT I WANT!

YOUR SMILE
I UNDER-STAND
YOU JUST DO WHATEVER YOU WANT?
SEALED YOUR PROMISE WITH ME...
FROM NOW ON, I BELIEVE THAT YOU ARE STRONG,
AND I WILL ALSO TREASURE MY LIFE,
SO DON'T GET HURT AGAIN WHILE PROTECTING...
I'm not good at that
PLEASE... LET ME PROTECT YOU, ALL RIGHT?
BECAUSE YOU ARE MY MOST IMPORTANT TREASURE—

WITH YOU PROTECTING ME,
MY BODY WILL RECOVER QUICKLY
THANK YOU...

THAT'S GOOD
HEH!
MAYBE I'VE FOUND
MY MOST IMPORTANT TREASURE, AS WELL!

ASAHI REALLY IS MORE DIFFICULT TO HANDLE THAN NUO
Resting
Ah, I changed back!
I've already turned back!
I'm not sure when I'll be able to change back.

HE DID, BUT IT'S BETTER TO ASK DIRECTLY...
BE-CAUSE I HATE HUMANS HIKATO DIDN'T TELL YOU?
WHY DID YOU BECOME A VAMPIRE?
I CONFUSED
A SACRIFICE FOR A RAIN DANCE
WOULDN'T DIE IMMEDIATE-LY
THEN, SHE WOULD BE EATEN ALIVE BY THE GROUP OF CROWS THAT HAD WAITED SO LONG FOR HER TO DIE.
UNTIL SHE WAS SO WEAK THAT SHE COULDN T MOVE, COULDN T SHOUT...
THE SACRIFICE WOULD BE HUNG IN THE MIDDLE OF AN ANCIENT OAK TREE,
HOWEVER, HE SAID THAT HE WAS A DEMON, AND THAT BECAUSE MY BLOOD QUALIFIED, I WAS TO BE HIS SUBSTITUTE MOTHER IF HE WAS BADLY HURT ONE DAY
BUT HIKATO SAVED ME.
NOBODY WOULD SAVE A GIFT THAT WAS SACRIFICED FOR EVERYONE'S SAKE,

吸血小情人
Transcendence

FLAP
FLAP
FLAP
...IN THE END,
PATROLLING THE BORDER BECAME YET ANOTHER OF YOUR DAILY ACTIVITIES
EH?
IT'S OKAY,
THIS WAY, YOU WON'T HAVE TO WORRY ABOUT BEING HUNGRY!

Manami
Hikaru's long-distance relative
In her eyes, Hikaru's small form
to her seem to be... painful

on the whole ?
WON'T YOU FEEL TIRED OF
PATROLLING THE SAME PLACE EVERYDAY?
reminding only the forest and the cave!
on the whole
I WON'T TURN INTO A VAMPIRE UNLESS THERE ARE SPECIAL CONDITIONS !!
DON'T WORRY

YA, BUT,
I'M HAPPY TO BE ABLE TO GO ON A WALK WITH YOU!

WAH— HIS FACE IS SO RED!
IT'S MAKING ME FEEL UNCOMFORTABLE SAYING THAT
SO CUTE!

IS
IS THAT SO
blush

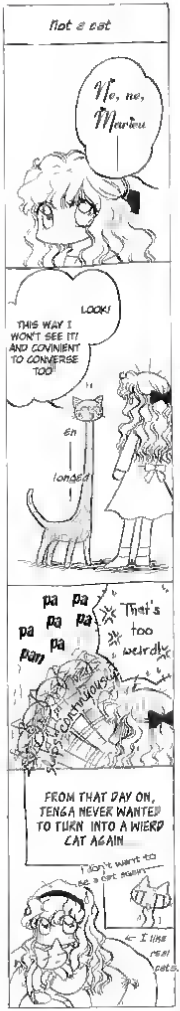
IT HAS BEEN HARD ON YOU.
IT IS THE GHOST GOD,
WILL THE BIG VERSION OF HIKATO TURN RED LIKE THIS ?
ACTUALLY MY CHILDERN CAME BACK FROM STUDYING ABROAD TODAY,
YOU AREN'T A HUMAN AND YET YOU PROTECT HUMANS, SO YOU MUST BE A GOD!
PRIEST, COULD YOU PLEASE NOT CALL ME THAT!

Not changing into a cat anymore?
ONE DAY WHEN TENGA
WANTS TO TURN HIS HEAD UPWARDS TO TAKE TO MARIOU,
Mariu~
AH!
strawberry
SFX. SQUEASH
FROM THAT DAY ON, TENGA NEVER WANTED TO TURN INTO A CAT AGAIN
yummy
It wasn't on purpose
Because that is strawberry printed sandals

IT WOULD BE GOOD IF THE TWO OF THEM COULD BE MORE MATURE
DAD! I'M ALREADY 23 YEARS OLD
I'M DIFFERENT FROM WHEN I LEFT TO GO OVERSEAS

Miss Asaki
THIS IS MY SON SEIRYUU
AH~! NICE TO MEET YOU

EH?
YOU POOR THING!
ANOTHER VICTIM?
COULD IT BE THAT YOU NEED A WOMAN? SO YOU HURT YOURSELF ON PURPOSE?
SEIRYUU!
HOW COULD YOU SAY SUCH THINGS TO THE GOD...
VAMPIRES AREN'T GODS!
I FOUND OUT EVEN MORE AFTER I STUDIED ABROAD,
THIS GUY HE ...
BIG BROTHER,
I WON'T ALLOW YOU TO INSULT HIKATO, HIS HIGHNESS!


flat a cat
Ne, ne, Mariku
LOOK!
THIS WAY I WON'T SEE IT! AND COVINIENT TO CONVERSE TOO!
En
longer!
pa pa pa pa pa pa pan
That's too weirdly
FROM THAT DAY ON, TENGA NEVER WANTED TO TURN INTO A WIERD CAT AGAIN
I don't want to be a cat again...
I like real cats.

THERE ARE TWO TYPES OF GODS, THERE ARE THOSE WHO ARE BORN GODS,
AND THOSE THAT BECAME GODS LATER.
HIKATO, HIS HIGHNESS BELONGS TO THE LATTER!

WE CAME BACK FROM THE SAME COUNTRY, YET WHY IS IT THAT OUR OPINIONS ARE STILL DIFFERENT?
I FIND IT VERY SADDENING

BUT, WHERE DOES HIKATO, HIS HIGHNESS, DRINK YOUR BLOOD FROM?
EXCUSE ME FOR ASKING THIS QUESTION,
MISS ASAHI,

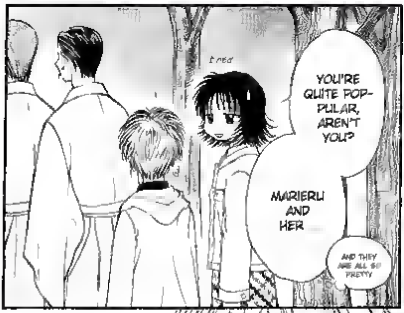
THIS SIDE OR THIS SIDE
think
EH? BOTH SIDES OF THE NECK!

MY NAME IS MIZUHA,
I'LL BE 16 YEARS OLD SOON.
oh, nice to meet you
MY NAME IS ASAHI
SHE'S THE SAME AGE AS ME —
bow deeply
nose nuzzle

SFX: BITES
かぷっ
Ah—?!

WHAT... DID... YOU... DO...?!
TEETH... TEETH MARKS
SFX: EUPHORIC
うっとり...
... indirect kiss
I'M... SORRY, PLEASE FOR-GIVE MY SISTER!
CLUTCH
IT'S NOT HER FAULT!
WAH
SFX: WAH

IT'S NOT MY FAULT!
IT'S ALL BEACUSE OF HIKATO THAT MY SISTER HAS BECOME SO WIERD...!
SFX: SLAPS AWAY
SFX: GRUDGE
UMKKKK
I ENVY YOU, WHO IS THE SUBSTI-TUTE MOTHER ...
SO SCARY! THIS PERSON IS VERY SCARY ...!
I'M SORRY!
I ADMIRE HIKATO, HIS HIGH-NESS TOO MUCH, THAT'S WHY UNCONSCIOUSLY
I CAME BACK HAVING LEARNED A LOT OF THINGS!
THAT'S NOT TRUE!
I'M SORRY
EVEN AFTER STUDYING ABROAD, THEIR PERSON-ALITIES ARE STILL THE SAME
both of them

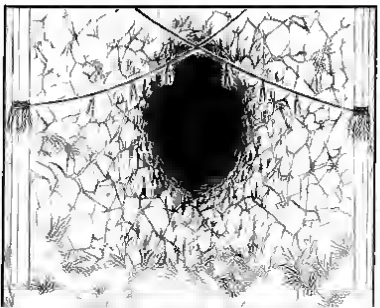

Eyes!
YOU'RE QUITE POPULAR, AREN'T YOU?
MARIERU AND HER
AND THEY ARE ALL SO PRETTY

THERE'S NO NEED FOR YOU TO COME WITH US
LET'S GO AND CHECK THE BARRIER TOGETHER!

I CAN'T HELP IT IF I'M POPULAR WITH GIRLS I DON'T LIKE!
...

AS IF!
THERE'S NOTHING OUT OF PLACE TODAY, LET'S GO HOME!
Swish!

YOU'RE RIGHT
MOREOVER, THOSE WHO LIKE ME AREN'T NORMAL



point
point
THESE PLACES HAVE WEAKENED!
IT'S EASIER TO FIX THEM NOW!
WOW!
EH? IS THAT SO? I CAN'T FEEL IT AT ALL!
HOW DID YOU KNOW?
is it because I didn't change into a vase or?
I LEARNED A LOT OF THINGS AT HIKATO, HIS HIGHNESSES' HOMETOWN
...BUT, EVEN IF I CAN SEE THE WEAKNESS IN THE BARRIER MY BLOOD HAS NO EFFECT ON IT
THAT'S RIGHT, IF I'M NOT A SUBSTITUTE MOTHER OR SIMILAR...
SFX: GLOOM...
I ENVY YOU...
AH...
SO SORRY...
SO COLD

YOU DON'T HAVE TO APOLOGISE TO HER
Um... unconsciously ...
... WHY DID HIS HIGHNESS SAY THAT THERE WERE NO ABNORMALITIES JUST NOW?
IT'S BECAUSE HE'S JUST NOT SERIOUS!
THAT'S NOT IT! HIS HIGHNESS MUST HAVE BEEN —THINKING THAT WE WERE HERE AND THUS DECIDED TO COME BACK LATER AND FIX IT—
SO BAD! SO COLD!
SINCE YOU KNOW THAT, STOP SAYING IT NON-STOP!
ARE THE TWO OF YOU DONE PLAYING AROUND?
FIX IT UP QUICKLY AND GO HOME!
.....
EH?
! CAN'T TURN BIG
MY HABIT OF TEMPORARILY RECOVERING HAS DISAPPEARED
THE BIGGER ME'S BLOOD HAD A BETTER EFFECT...
THE BLOOD STRENGTH WILL BECOME WEAK SOON

...BUT
TO BECOME BIG IMMEDIATELY
method to become big faster~
※ suck blood from the chest
?
people who don't know a thing
startled
EEK—
arrest
rest
IT'S NOT NEEDED NOW!
Ho
there are people watching
THEN, SEE YOU TOMORROW
Kobata

ASAH... I HAVE SOMETHING TO DISCUSS WITH YOU
EEK...
CAN YOU...
GIVE ME SOME BLOOD FROM YOU CHEST?
I knew it...
I'M... SORRY!
BECAUSE I'M AFRAID THAT IF SOMETHING HAPPENS, I WON'T BE ABLE TO DO A THING ABOUT IT
I... UNDERSTAND... IT'S.. FOR... THE BARRIER
mosquito-like voice
I'M ALSO WORRIED ABOUT YOU!
EH? ME?
...I'M SCARED THAT MIZUHA WILL DO SOMETHING TO YOU!
even more than nuo and Mariery

... IN THE END, IT'S THE SAME SITUATION
YOU... YOU MUST CLOSE YOUR EYES OKAY?
YES!
I KNOW...
HAVING EXPERIENCE FROM LAST TIME
IT WON'T BE PAINFUL AGAIN

HOW... HOW WILL YOU KNOW IT WON'T BE PAINFUL JUST BECAUSE YOU HAVE EXPERIENCE FROM THE LAST TIME —?!
SOMEHOW THE SECOND TIME SEEMS TO BE MORE EMBARASSING —!!

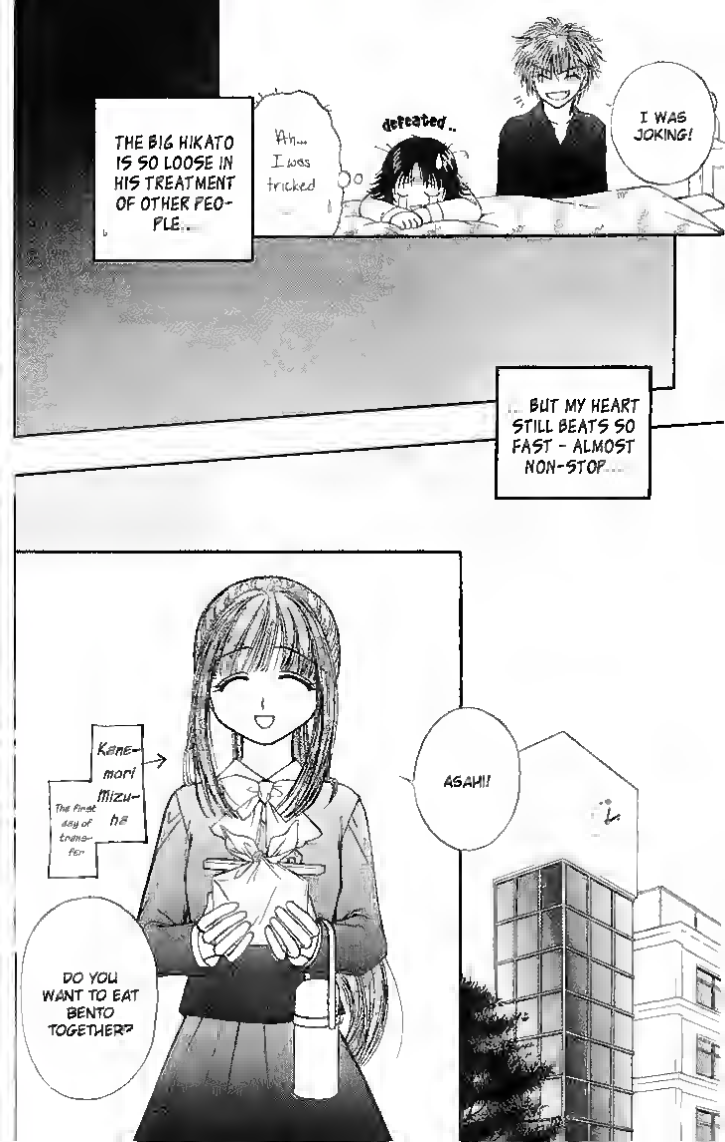
MOREOVER, IT'S THE SAME SITUATION AGAIN
HE!
SEE, IT'S NOT PAINFUL RIGHT?
THE HIKATO THAT BECAME BIG, NOW HAS A RELAXED EXPRESSION..
I STILL WANT TO DRINK SOME FROM THE NECK.
EH?
.....
Turn your head over!
hurt coming up quickly
WAIT—
WAIT A MINUTE

S...Stop...!
WHY
BE...BECAUSE I FEEL EMBARRASSED, SO...
PLEASE DON'T USE SUCH AN ATTITUDE WHEN YOU ASK TO SUCK MY BLOOD
.....
SFX. CHU—
ちゅ
B...Bastard ——!!
push
.....!?

MIZUHA'S TEETH MARKS DISAPPEARED
EH?

OF. OF COURSE I KNOW THAT, BUT —
REMEMBER THAT!
WHO'S A BASTARD! THIS ME IS THE REAL ME!

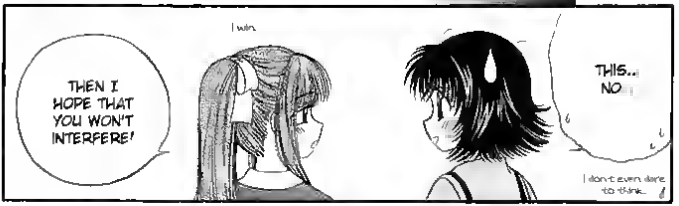
it's true
NOT LEAVING ANY TEETH MARKS DURING THE SUCKING OF BLOOD IS BECAUSE THE HIGH SPEED OF REMOVING THE BLOOD ALLOWS THE SKIN TO RECOVER QUICKLY(?)
THAT'S BECAUSE HIS HIGHNESS BIT THE SAME PLACE.
DISAPPEARED
THERE WAS ORIGINALLY A BRUISE
WHAT—?!
GIVE ME SOME MORE BLOOD AS A THANK-YOU GIFT!
I'M STILL HUNGRY,
HELPING ME GET RID OF THE BRUISE—?
THEN— YOU WERE


THE BIG HIKATO IS SO LOOSE IN HIS TREATMENT OF OTHER PEOPLE..
Ah... I was tricked
defeated..
I WAS JOKING!
.. BUT MY HEART STILL BEATS SO FAST - ALMOST NON-STOP....
Kanemori Mizuha
The First day of transfer
DO YOU WANT TO EAT BENTO TOGETHER?
ASAH!!

Okay
let's join as friends
OKAY, THEN LET'S
eat together
... ONLY THE TWO OF US... I HAVE IMPORTANT... THINGS...
YOU KNEW HER FROM BEFORE?
THEN GO WITH HER.
GO COLD.
I PREFER THE SUIZ-
Fwhoosh
ACTUALLY I WAS SUPPOSE TO GO BACK TO ROMANIA
TODAY'S TEMPERATURE IS VERY WARM.
IT'S SO COMFORTABLE!
IS... IS THAT SOP I FEEL KIND OF COLD.
SO...
BUT I DECIDED TO STAY HERE FOR A WHILE.
YOU TRANSFERED TO OUR SCHOOL?
YES, THIS WAY IT'S EASIER FOR ME TO WATCH OVER YOU
WHAT DID YOU SAY?
Brought not for profit

BECAUSE I DON'T WANT TO LOSE BECAUSE I WASN'T PAYING ATTENTION FOR THE MOMENT
Trying to say that something important is swept away
ARE YOU REFERING TO ME?
YOU'RE SUDDENLY SAYING SUCH HEAVY WORDS
BECAUSE I LOVE HIKATO, HIS HIGHNESS MORE THAN YOU!
I WANT HIS HIGHNESS TO MARRY INTO MY FAMILY,
EH?
I WOULD BECOME A VAMPIRE AS WELL AND THE TWO OF US WOULD PROTECT THIS PLACE FOREVER
not cooperative
THEN OUR CHILDREN WILL WORK HARD FIGHTING TO KEEP THIS WORLD OUT OF THE DEMONS' HANDS
JUST LIKE MODERN LIVING CELESTIAL BEINGS ! SO BEAUTIFUL
Sparkles
b...beautiful
what' s a celestial being?
YOU... PLAN TOO FAR AHEAD
calm down...

I HAVE ALREADY MADE UP MY MIND AND PREPARED TO NO LONGER BE A HUMAN.
CARRYING THE SAME FATE AS HIS HIGHNESS, I LIVE THOUGH THE SLOW AND LONG DAYS WITH HIS HIGHNESS!
ARE YOU WILLING TO MAKE THAT SAME DECISION AS WELL?
THIS IS THE BEST SOLUTION, FOR EVERYONE'S SAKE.


I win.
THEN I HOPE THAT YOU WON'T INTERFERE!
THIS.. NO
I don't even dare to think...

... I CAN'T DO THAT.
BECAUSE, HIKATO, HE DOESN'T LIKE PEOPLE CALLING HIM A GOD!
you know that too right?

IF YOU LIKE HIM THEN YOU SHOULD RESPECT HIM...
BY LIVING LIKE A HUMAN NOW.
BUT! THERE IS NO OTHER WAY TO MAKE HIS HIGHNESS ACCEPT ME...
WHO CARES ABOUT BEING ACCEPTED...
... I HAD BEEN FRUSTRATED OVER THE DECISION BEFORE...
MAYBE I WOULD TURN INTO A VAMPIRE...
BUT, WE SHOULD JUST LET IT BE AS IT IS!
WHAT...?
RIGHT NOW, I ONLY HAVE TO BE WITH HIKARU,
AND HE SMILE AND LISTEN TO ME TALK ABOUT SCHOOL
AND SOMETIMES SHARING THINGS ABOUT HIMSELF WITH ME.

I'M VERY HAPPY WITH HOW I'M LIVING NOW,
MAYBE BECAUSE WE COULDN'T LET GO OF EACH OTHER'S HAND,
WE TREASURE EACH OTHER THIS MUCH
THAT'S WHY NO MATTER WHAT THE FUTURE HOLDS FOR US, I CAN STILL MANAGE
NO MATTER WHAT, I'M STILL ME!
HIKARU WILL ALSO AGREE TO WHAT I DO.
.....
YOU DON'T UNDERSTAND WHAT VAMPIRES ARE.

AHAH! EVEN THOUGH HIS PERSONALITY WILL HAVE A 180 DEGREE CHANGE...
ONCE HE REVERTS BACK, HIS HIGHNESS' PERSONALITY WILL...
HE IS INDEED CUTE WHEN HE IS SMALL.
SFX: SNAP
BECAUSE I'M A MIKO!
EH?
YOU CAN FEEL IT?
You're kidd! Normal humans shouldn't be able to feel it
SOMETHING HAPPENED TO THE BARRIER!
JUST.. JUST NOW THAT'S..
THUD
ANYWAYS, WE HAVE TO HURRY THERE AND SEE
Let's just skip the afternoon lessons!

Eh?
SFX: YANK
GRAB
EVEN IF I RUN SLOW,
PLEASE DON'T LEAVE ME BEHIND...
What then?
YOU CAN CATCH UP LATER —
clutch
I DON'T WANT TO!
Can't, can't take any
clench
SO... SO SLOW!
slowly
slowly
slowly
DON'T KNOW WHAT'S GOING ON NOW? I HAVE TO HURRY!
IF ONLY I COULD TURN INTO A VAMPIRE NOW...
worry
worry
worry
worry
?
Can I run a
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...
CHANGED
...
Even... Even though it's heavier, I can run much faster than normal!
HOW I ENVY YOU HAVING SUCH POWERS... AS A SUBSTITUTE MOTTLED...
I'M ALREADY CARRYING YOU, SO PLEASE DON'T MAKE SUCH WEIRD NOISES!
I CAN HEAR THAT YOU HATE IT!
WHAT HAPPENED?
HOW RUDE!
SFX: THUD THUD THUD THUD THUD THUD
SFX: SPRINT

AS...ual ...
finally... made... it... here... too tired to stay as a vampire
tuff
puff
serious
WHAT HAP-PENED?
AS YOU CAN SEE,
I HAVE REMADE THE BARRIER.

MIZUHA, YOU AREN'T THE ONLY ONE WHO HAS EXPERIENCE.
BIG BROTHER...?

ONLY THOSE WHO ARE EVIL CANNOT COME IN.

That's because...
I DON'T WISH TO BE INTERRUPTED BEFORE THE HOLE CLOSES UP AND DISAPPEARS COMPLETELY
Am I An evil person too?
BUT EVEN WE CAN'T ENTER

THIS IS OUR ENTRANCE!
THIS WAY WE CAN'T EVEN GET CLOSE!
DON'T BE SO SELFISH!
IT HAS ALWAYS BEEN THE CLOSEST WAY TO COME HERE!
Ah!

THERE WAS SOMEONE WHO CLOSED THE YICIYUAN HOLE IN YOUR HOMETOWN BEFORE.
IT'S POSSIBLE!
YOU WANT TO CLOSE THE HOLE? STUPID FELLA...

THIS HOLE HERE IS OPENED BECAUSE ONE OF THE HOLES IN MY HOMETOWN WAS CLOSED!
I DON'T BELIEVE THERE'S SUCH A THING!
WHEN THE HOLE HERE IS CLOSED, ANOTHER WILL OPEN SOMEWHERE ELSE!
OF COURSE,
I LEARNED HOW TO DO IT FROM HIM!
RE...REALLY? YOU CAN CLOSE...
this hole?
ESPECIALLY FROM YOU, A DEMON..!
SFX IMPACT
FLICK
THE HOLE HAS..
SEIRYUU! PLEASE STOP..!
...I WANT TO COMPLETELY FINISH MY WORK.

SFX. BANG
NO MATTER WHAT, HUMANS SHOULD NOT USE THE STRENGTH OF A VAMPIRE ..!
IF THE HOLE OPENS UP SOMEWHERE ELSE IT IS ALSO A THING OF THAT TIME!
SFX. JOLT
!?
PRIEST! I'M GOING TO DESTROY THIS GUY'S BARRIER!
(Please stay back!)
WHAT ...!
Y.. YES.
IS IT OKAY TO FORCE YOUR WAY IN?
WAIT A MINUTE!

IF YOU'RE GOING TO INTERFERE WITH MY WORK, THEN I'LL KILL YOUR SUBSTITUTE MOTHER!
SE! ...?
WHY DO YOU ...
... AFTER I STUDIED ABROAD, I KNEW WHAT THE VAMPIRES DID IN THE PAST!
YOU GUYS ARE DEMONS THAT DESTROYED VILLAGES AND STREETS WHENEVER YOU WANTED...!
ASAHI IS STILL A HUMAN!
DO YOU WISH TO HURT HER?
SINCE YOU HAVE ALREADY DIRTIED HER,
SHE DOESN'T MATTER!

BASTARD!
... dir... ty..
SFX. FWHOOSH
SFX. BAM
I SAVE YOU YOUR HUMILIATION, YET YOU TOOK ADVANTAGE OF IT!
GROPE GRUCC
SFX. THUNK

HI... HIKATO?
HE LOOKS STR-ANGE!
WHAT GODS OR DEMONS? YOU GUYS ARE THE ONES WHO DREW THE LINE
I HATE PEOPLE LIKE YOU, WHO THINK THEY'RE RIGHT ABOUT EVERY-THING!
YOU HATE ME?
THOSE WHO ARE IN THE WAY,
SHOULD DISAPPEAR!

SFX: SLITHER
SFX: ROAR
HOW CAN I LIVE WITH A GUY WHO HOLDS SUCH A TREMENDOUS POWER...!
YOU FINALLY REVEALED YOUR TRUE COLOURS...
pale
AH.. WE'RE DONE FOR..
...SO COOL..
EEK...
This is bad..

SFX.GRAB
... PAIN!
WHAT HAPPENED TO YOU?!
STOP HIKATO! THIS IS TOO MUCH!
DAMN .. MY POWER ISN'T ENOUGH!
I'm only left with half of my
That's my moment KO
DON'T TELL ME WHAT TO DO!
YOU ...
HMPH!

TOO WASTEFUL!
IF YOU'RE GOOD, I'LL BE GENTLE WITH YOU.
hmph...

IF YOU DON'T LET HIM LOOSE, HE WON'T BE ABLE TO REVERT BACK!
IT'S... IT'S ENOUGH!
the divine veil is destroyed!
THE CORRECT WAY OF SAYING IT IS ~ONCE THEY'VE BECOME BIG, THERE WOULD A PERSONALITY THAT IS USED DURING BATTLE~
There's no need for any dummy battle.
THE TRUE MEANING OF ~ONCE VAMPIRES BECOME BIG, THEIR PERSONALITY WILL CHANGE~
THIS IS
WHAT
WHAT HAPPENED? ...?!
IT'S LIKE A TOTALLY DIFFERENT PERSON!
TREMBLE TREMBLE

SFX: ROAR
IF HE CONTINUES TO RAMPAGE LIKE THIS, WE'LL NEED TO LEAVE THIS PLACE...
The whole city will...
NOT JUST THE SHRINE!
SHOCK
What...
SFX: CRUMBLE
WE HAVE TO STOP HIM
HMPH! IT'S NO USE, JUST LET HIM GO AROUND AND DESTROY THINGS!
AND THEN GO BACK TO THE HOME-TOWN WITH ME!
BEING TOLD SOMETHING LIKE THAT, OF COURSE HE'LL BE ANGRY
GUYS, STOP SAYING SUCH STUPID THINGS!
They are definitely not humans...
EH?
IF WE DON'T STOP HIM SOON, WON'T HE BE PITIFUL?
SFX: RUSH
HIKA-TO
NOT WANTING TO TELL ME THINGS ABOUT HIS TRUE SELF,
BUT WHAT TO DO
HAVE TO HURRY UP

IF THE THING THAT HIKATO PROTECTED UNTIL TODAY
HIKATO ...!
MUST BE BECAUSE HE IS AFRAID THAT I WILL HATE HIM, AND BE SCARED OF HIM RIGHT?
...THAT'S ENOUGH! STOP FOOLING AROUND!
HUH?
IS DESTROYED,
SFX: BITE

HE WILL DEFINATELY BE...
...IF YOU REALLY HAVE TO VENT IT OUT, THEN
FIGHT ME ...!
BEFORE YOU REVERT BACK...!
SFX. COLLAPSE
I lose to you ...
Ahah ...
...AH

CHANGED BACK?
Imitating Mizuho being successful
THAT'S GOOD!
YOU CHANGED BACK —!
to tell you the truth, I had no confidence to fight you
.....
AREN'T YOU
AFRAID OF ME ...?
EVEN THOUGH IT WAS SCARY- I WASN'T AFRAID! MY FEAR WAS OVERWHELMED BY MY WORRY FOR YOU!
AND I KNEW THAT YOU WILL DEFINITELY STOP WHEN YOU REGAIN YOUR SENSES!
I DON'T WANT TO LOSE
SO YOU DON'T NEED TO BE SCARED ...!
A HEART THAT UNDERSTANDS MINE!

thunk
YOU REALLY ARE A RELIABLE PERSON
HOW STRONG
THANK GOOD NESS YOU CHANGED BACK
CHANGED BACK ALREADY?
MIZUHA
AS A LOVE RIVAL..
PLEASE FORGIVE MY BROTHER FOR MY SAKE
YES, YES BUT I DON'T WANT TO CARRY YOU NEXT TIME
CLUTCH
ASAHI,
I APPROVE OF YOU.
Pain all over
That bastard Mizuha...
I'LL NEVER DO SOMETHING LIKE THAT EVER AGAIN
AFTER-WARDS
HOW RECKLESS OF YOU TO RUN AROUND CARRYING SOMEONE ON YOUR BACK

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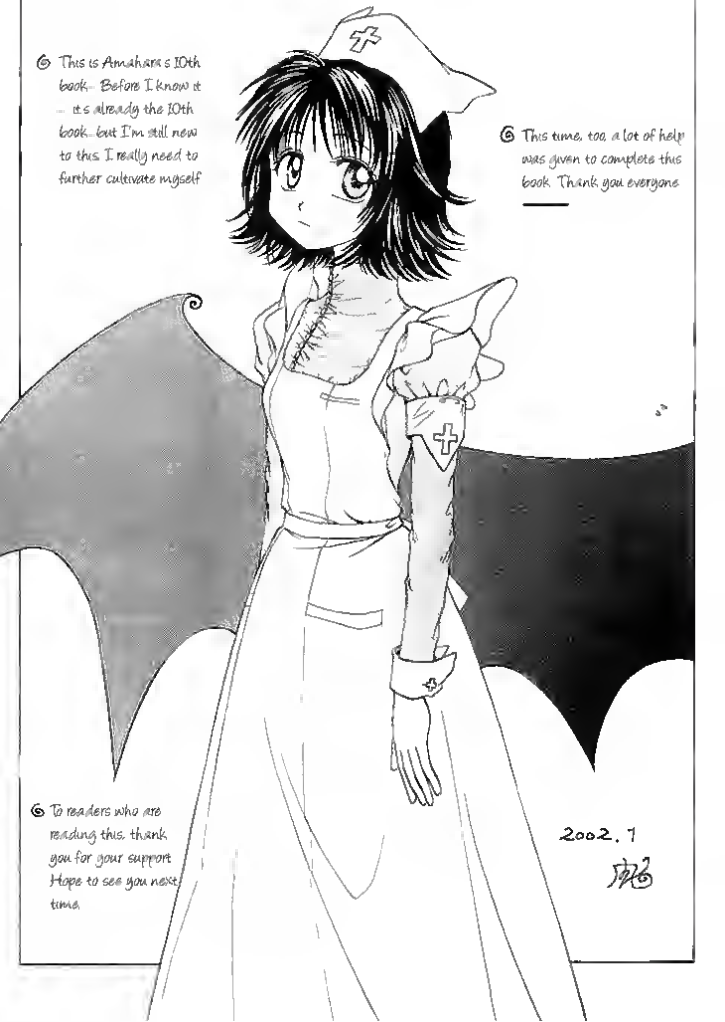

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